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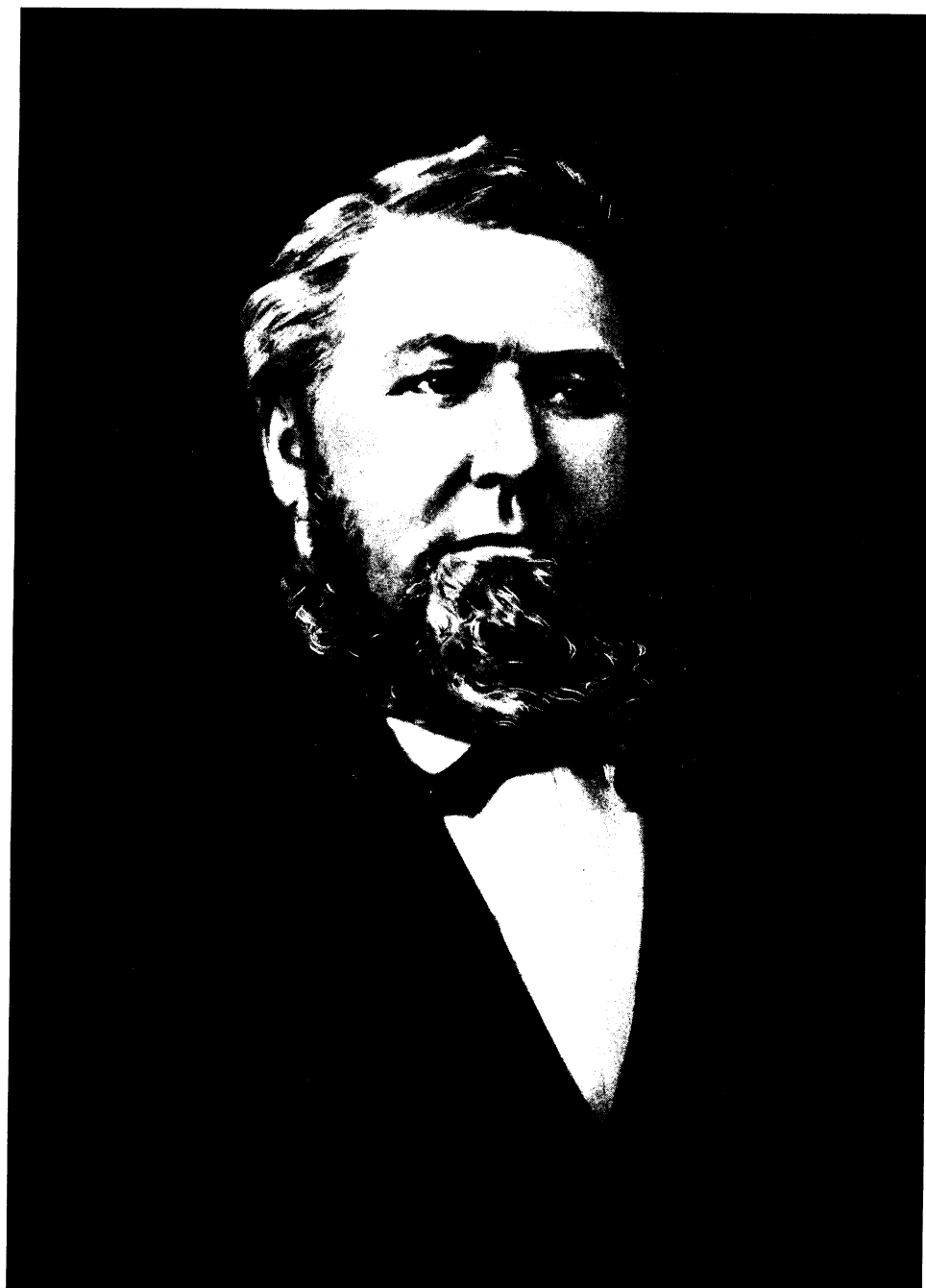
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BENJAMIN DANSARD, SR. One of the honored pioneers of Monroe county who long wielded a distinctive influence in connection with business and civic activities in this favored section of the state was the late Benjamin Dansard, Sr., who settled in the city of Monroe in 1836, the year prior to the admission of Michigan as one of the sovereign states of the Union, and who here continued to reside until his death, more than half a century later. He was the founder of the banking house which still perpetuates his name and was recognized as a man of fine business ability, the while his urbane and kindly personality gained for him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact. He did much to foster industrial and civic development and progress in Monroe county, was a man of signal refinement and culture, and left an indelible impress upon the community in which he long maintained his home and in which his memory is held in enduring memory.

Benjamin Dansard was born in Issoudun, France, September 12, 1813, and was thus seventy-five years of age at the time of his death, January 27, 1888. In his native land he was afforded the best of educational advantages, as it was the desire of his father that he should enter the priesthood of the Catholic church. Upon attaining to maturity, however, he decided that his tastes and predilections lay along other lines than those of an ecclesiastical order, and he was a young man when he came to America to win for himself a place of independence in connection with business activities. In 1836, when about twenty-four years of age, Mr. Dansard came to Monroe, and here he was engaged in the dry goods business for a number of years. In the early days he gave instruction in the French language to a number of classes, as he was a man of fine scholarship and especially well qualified for teaching in his native tongue. It may be noted that his first pupil was Dr. Osgood, who attained to wide fame in the west through the introduction of "Osgood's Cholagogue," a remedy designed as a specific for all the prevalent "fever and ague."

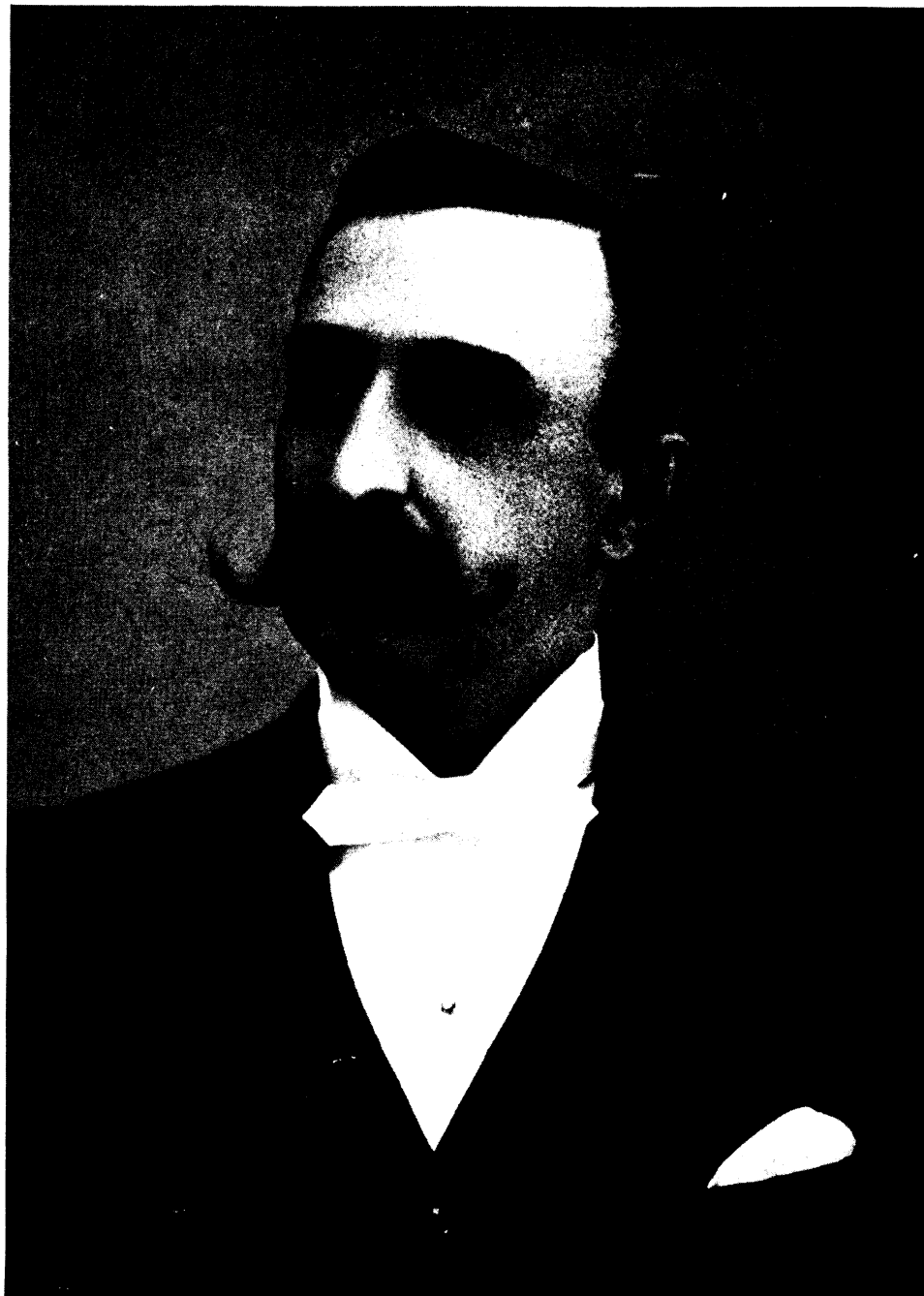
Mr. Dansard was a fine type of the genuine Parisian Frenchman, courtly and polished in manners, of cultured tastes and of genial and buoyant spirits. He found his greatest pleasure in the ideal associations of his home and there delighted to extend gracious hospitality to his wide circle of friends. He coveted success in temporal affairs, but this was only that he might provide generously for his family and give to the

home the atmosphere of refined prosperity under which he had been reared. He married Miss Catherine Boyez, June 18, 1836, just before coming to America. She was the daughter of Joseph Boyez, another of the sterling pioneer merchants of Monroe, and he was a most devoted husband and father, ever solicitous for the comfort and happiness of his family, even as he was kindly, sympathetic and generous in his general association with his fellow man. His cherished and devoted wife, a woman of gentle and noble personality, was summoned to the "land of the leal" on the 19th of April, 1882, and he survived her about six years. Benjamin Dansard and his wife became the parents of six sons and one daughter. The elder son, Joseph, who was long associated with the father in the banking business, married Miss Mary Landon, daughter of Dr. George Landon, of Monroe, and his death occurred on the 5th of May, 1879, his wife passing away on the 19th of April, 1882. They are survived by one son and four daughters. Benjamin Dansard, Jr., became a member of the banking firm of B. Dansard & Son, and continued to be identified with the business as one of the representative financiers and influential citizens of Monroe until his death, which occurred on the 15th of August, 1903. Further reference is made to him in another sketch on other pages of this publication.

Through his earnest and well directed efforts Benjamin Dansard, Sr., accumulated a substantial fortune, and no shadow rests on any portion of his career as a citizen and business man. He was animated by high principles of integrity and honor, was loyal and liberal in his civic attitude, and was ever ready to contribute to the furtherance of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community. He continued in the mercantile business until 1858, when he established a private bank, in which he became associated with his elder son under the firm name of B. Dansard & Son. After the death of Joseph Dansard, the younger son, Benjamin, Jr., became the active manager, and the enterprise was long continued under the original title, which is perpetuated in that of the present B. Dansard & Son's State Bank, one of the leading financial institutions of Monroe county.

In politics Mr. Dansard was aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and he was well fortified in his opinions concerning matters of public import. He was affiliated with the Masonic fraternity. At the time of his death the following resolution was passed by the local Masonic body with which he was identified: "Resolved, That in the death of our esteemed brother, Benjamin Dansard, of this city, the state and community of which he was a resident for more than fifty years have lost a loyal, law-abiding citizen; the business community a man of rare ability and the strictest business integrity; the fraternity of which he was an esteemed member, a faithful and earnest brother; and his family a wise, indulgent and loving father."

BENJAMIN DANSARD, JR. The financiers who have left the impress of their genius on the financial history of Michigan have been, almost without exception, men of affairs, with little instruction in science. They have stepped from the counter or office to the counting room, demonstrating



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. H. H." followed by a large, stylized flourish.

their fitness to be leaders by soundness of judgment and skill in management. Such a man the generation of business men now passing from the scenes of active business recognized in Benjamin Dansard, Jr., when, in 1879, he became his father's partner in the banking house of B. Dansard & Son, of Monroe, and at once became a leader in finance among those who had already reached high rank as merchants and bankers. Succeeding to the presidency of the institution at the death of his father in 1888, he developed a capacity for financial management, including those opposite qualities of boldness and caution, enterprise and prudence, which stamped him as a born engineer of finance. He was distinguished as well as a public-spirited citizen, as a promoter of the public welfare and as a man whose charities, though often unknown, were extensive and widespread. His untimely death, which occurred August 15, 1903, at the age of fifty years, filled the city with sadness, and called forth the warmest testimonials of appreciation from every side.

Benjamin Dansard was born at Monroe, Michigan, May 5, 1853, the youngest son of Benjamin and Catherine (Boyez) Dansard, natives of Paris, France, who came to Monroe while Michigan was yet a territory, in 1836, and a review of whose career will be found on other pages of this publication. Educated in the public schools of this city, at the age of eighteen years, Benjamin Dansard, Jr., entered the banking house of B. Dansard & Son, with which he was connected as a clerk until taken into partnership in 1874 at the age of twenty-one. Upon the death of his father he became head of the establishment and continued alone until January 1, 1893, when his son, Boyez, became connected with him. His second son, Benjamin, has been connected with the institution since January 1, 1901. Although his physical health was such that he was unable to attend the office during the last three years of his life, Mr. Dansard continued to be its active directing head to the last, and even upon the day of his death had discussed financial matters with his family. His wise and shrewd management was such that the Dansard bank never experienced the detrimental effects caused by loss of public confidence, and his business associates constantly looked to him for counsel, guidance and leadership. He inherited his father's love of home and was never happier than when surrounded by his friends, his many social qualities making him an eminently entertaining companion. As a citizen, his pride in Monroe and its accomplishments would never permit of his listening to the many tempting offers held out to him by large interests in other communities. Mr. Dansard was very fond of hunting, and it was while so engaged that he received the injury that eventually resulted in his death. The *Monroe Democrat*, issue of August 21, 1903, paid him the following tribute, when it said in part: "The announcement of the death of Benjamin Dansard, which occurred at his residence on Elm avenue, August 15th, aroused the sensibilities of our citizens, and sent a shadow of regret as a drapery of woe over our entire city. If nothing more can be said of a man than that he was born and that he died, it were better that nothing be said. It is proper that recognition should be made of distinguished worth and merit in the lives of private citizens as well as those of public men, and that due honor should be paid to their memories after they have passed away. His characteristics,

his social qualities—and he was a royal entertainer—the geniality of his power, his cherished and unfailing friendship, made him first of all a man, and yet there was something finer in the man than what he said or did. While it must be said on account of his long illness the wider assemblance of friends will not miss him as one taken suddenly from among them, there is a family circle that can never be the same again. To his bereaved family can be given the assurance that he was loved and appreciated, and those who knew him best can offer the consolation that his fidelity to his fellow men exemplified in all his relations to them, will stand as a legacy greater than riches and more valuable than length of days.”

Mr. Dansard was twice married, his first wife being Miss Ella Paxson, of Monroe, who became his bride September 3, 1872. They had one son, Boyez, who is now the head of the B. Dansard & Son's State Bank. Mrs. Dansard died November 10, 1875, and on May 8, 1877, he was married at South Bend, Indiana, to Miss Emma L. Lucas of that city, and to this union there was also born one son, Benjamin, Jr. Probably this all too brief review could be closed in no more fitting manner than to quote from the tribute of one who knew and loved him:

“In the midst of life we are in death’ comes to us with startling reality in the death of our friend and citizen, Benjamin Dansard. No man in Monroe county has for thirty years better stood the test of true citizenship than he of whom we write. He possessed in a high degree those splendid attributes of character none too common at this time which make so largely for the general betterment of humanity, and in particular, the integrity of one's business career. It is my good fortune to have known Mr. Dansard somewhat intimately for the past twenty years, during all of which time I have had unusual opportunities to study his personality, and consequently I am able to place a just estimate upon those sterling virtues which entered so thoroughly into his business as well as social life. Attention to duty, loyalty to friends and strict honesty of purpose, constitute the principles upon which he built his successful banking business. In his public life there was nothing of the vain-glorious, and his deeds of charity, though many, were generally known only to his own family; but he had within his heart that spark of generosity which was ever ready to blow when touched by want or by any form of adversity. The love of family and the love of home were the crowning ideals of his domestic life. All forms of hypocrisy—political, religious or otherwise—were reprehensible to him. He loved the pure the honest, the noble, and his one great object in life seems to have been to conduce to the happiness and comfort of those about him. Mr. Dansard leaves to his sons—his successors in banking business—a reputation and character more precious than gold and silver, the emulation of which will redound to the continued prosperity of this time-honored firm. With feelings of mingled regret and sorrow I offer this tribute to the memory of Benjamin Dansard.”

BOYEZ DANSARD. One of the essentially representative business men and loyal and progressive citizens of Monroe county, is Boyez Dansard, president of the B. Dansard & Son's State Bank of Monroe, and he is



Henry Adams.

well upholding the prestige of a name that has been long and prominently identified with the history of this county. The bank of which he is the executive head and which is one of the substantial and popular financial institutions of the county, was founded by his honored grandfather, the late Benjamin Dansard, Sr., to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work. This bank has had a long and interesting history, and is one of the oldest in southern Michigan, its founding dating back to the year 1858, and the stock of the institution has been virtually controlled by the Dansard family during the long intervening period.

Boyez Dansard was born in the city of Monroe on the 7th of December, 1873, the only son of Benjamin (II) and Ella (Paxson) Dansard. He gained his early educational discipline in the public schools of his native city and supplemented this by a course in the Detroit Business College. He then assumed a clerical position in the bank of B. Dansard & Son, of which his father was the executive head, and finally he was advanced to the office of cashier, of which position he continued the incumbent until the death of his honored father, on the 15th of August, 1903. As the elder son, he then succeeded his father as chief administrative officer of the bank, in which the interests of the estate were retained intact, as have they been since the incorporation of the institution as a state bank. The younger son, Benjamin (III) is cashier of the bank, as already noted in a preceding paragraph, and the loved and devoted mother is likewise a stockholder and director in the institution.

Boyez Dansard has done much to maintain the high prestige of the family name in connection with the financial institution with which he has been constantly identified since his youth, and he has also stood well to the front as a progressive and public spirited citizen with large and earnest interest in all that touches the welfare of his native city and county. He is a stanch Democrat in his political allegiance and after having served most effectively as representative of the Fourth ward in the city council, there came a further mark of the high esteem in which he is held in his home city, when he was elected its mayor, giving a most progressive and popular administration and being chosen as his own successor at the expiration of his first term. He thus served two consecutive years as head of the municipal government, and his administration has passed on record as one admirable in every respect. In addition to retaining the presidency of the B. Dansard & Son's State Bank, he is vice-president of the Erie Bank, at Erie, this county, and of the Bank of Newport, Newport, another thriving village of Monroe county. He is president of the Monroe Gas Light & Fuel Company, and vice-president of the local Home Telephone Company. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity, Mr. Dansard has received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he is affiliated with Michigan Sovereign Consistory, at Detroit, where he also holds membership in Moslem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His York Rite affiliations, in his home city, are as here noted: Monroe Lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons; River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; and Monroe Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar.

On the 23d of November, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of

Mr. Dansard to Miss Sarah McLean, of Alexandria, Virginia, in which state she was born. Mrs. Dansard is a popular figure in connection with the leading social activities of Monroe and presides most graciously over the beautiful family home, which is a center of generous hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Dansard have four children: Ivan, Benjamin (IV), Robert Brooke and Virginia Paxson.

BENJAMIN DANSARD. A son of the prominent banker and citizen elsewhere mentioned in this history, and a representative of the family which has for so many years been foremost in the business and social life of Monroe, Benjamin Dansard was born in this city on the 16th of January, 1882.

His early education was obtained in the city public schools, and since leaving high school he has taken an active part in the business established by his father and also in the public affairs of his city. He is now one of the prominent young bankers of the state, and has won his promotion through personal ability and a thorough experience in all departments of the institution of B. Dansard & Son's State Bank, of which he is now cashier. On leaving school he began his practical career in the bank, and served for some time as bookkeeper and teller, before assuming his present duties.

Mr. Dansard was married on September 18, 1905, to Miss Mary M. Navarre, daughter of Alexander T. and Marietta (Peltier) Navarre, of Monroe. Their three children are named Joseph B., Clement N., and Charles L.

Mr. Dansard is at this writing treasurer of the Michigan Bankers Association, and is director, secretary and treasurer of the Monroe Garage Company; vice president Bank of Erie, at Erie, Michigan; president Bank of Newport, at Newport, Michigan. He has been identified with various movements of recent years for the promotion of the welfare and improvement of his home city, and as a citizen possesses public spirit. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, but he has never sought office. He and his family are members of the St. John's Catholic church. He is a member of the Monroe Yacht Club, Merchants' & Manufacturers' Club of Monroe, Knights of Columbus, and the O. L. Club.

JAMES H. REYNOLDS. Some of the leading agriculturists of Monroe county, Michigan, are those of the younger generation, who are living on land that has belonged to members of their families for many generations, and who are proud of the fact. Reared on the farm, and early taught its soil conditions and the best methods of cultivating its fields, they are thoroughly qualified to bear their share of the responsibility for Monroe county's agricultural prosperity, thus materially aiding in the advancement of their communities' industrial importance. In this class stands James H. Reynolds, a well-known and successful young farmer of Berlin township, who is cultivating the old homestead of 137 acres, located one and one-half miles south of Rockwood. Mr. Reynolds was born in Saginaw, Michigan, March 3, 1878, and is a son of Orman and Mary (Hannah) Reynolds.

Stephen Reynolds, the paternal grandfather of James H. Reynolds,

was born in Delaware county, in the state of New York, and became an early settler of Berlin township, locating on the land on which his grandson is now carrying on operations, and there spending the remainder of his life. Orman Reynolds was here born, reared and educated, and as a young man enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil war, as a private in the Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He had a brave meritorious service of three years and eight months, and was twice wounded, once in the shoulder and once in the breast. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he followed that vocation all his life, and died in Rockwood, Wayne county, Michigan, aged sixty-nine years, April 16, 1910. His widow still survives him and lives in the old home at Rockwood. They had three sons: Frank, who resides in Wayne county, Michigan; Judson, living at Rockwood, with his mother; and James H. Orman Reynolds was widely known throughout Wayne and Monroe counties, where he had numerous friends, drawn about him by his many sterling qualities. He was a popular and prominent comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the work of which he took a great interest, and also held membership in the Masonic fraternity. In his death, Berlin township lost one of its best citizens.

James H. Reynolds was educated in the public schools of Berlin and Ash townships, and was reared to farm work, being taught lessons of economy, industry and honesty, and succeeded as renter of the old home farm, whose broad acres he had brought to a high state of cultivation. General farming in all its branches occupies his attention, and he is justly considered one of the leading young agriculturists of his section. He is progressive in his ideas, uses modern methods and machinery, and the general appearance of the land, shows the presence of able management.

March 16, 1908, Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Nettie Reeves, of Flat Rock, Michigan, daughter of Frank Reeves. Her mother, who was a Miss Van Riper before marriage, is now deceased, having had five children: Delbert; Mrs. Reynolds; Catherine, who is the wife of Albert Leslie, of New Boston; and Artie and William. The two last named sons make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, who are educating them and fitting them for honorable stations in life.

CLARENCE McLAUGHLIN. This progressive, enterprising and prosperous farmer and prominent and influential citizen of Ash township, this county, is a scion of a family widely and favorably known in the county from the dawn of civilization on its soil. His parents came to the township of his present residence while yet the Indian roamed at will in the region, the deer disported in its vales and streams and took refuge in its dense forests from the deadly pursuit of the white and red man alike, and beasts of prey made night hideous with their nerve-racking howls and always threatening presence. They carved a good farm and comfortable home out of the forest, and helped to lay the foundations of the civilization which so richly blesses the region at the present time, brief as has been the period since they located here and began their useful work of development and improvement.

Mr. McLaughlin was born on the family homestead in this town-

ship on September 6, 1867, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Fahrenstock) McLaughlin, an account of whose lives will be found, with other facts in the history of the family, in a sketch of another of their sons, Emory H. McLaughlin, which appears in this work. That history is an interesting one, and shows up the heroism of the pioneers of this locality through the record of some of its most worthy and commendable exemplars.

Clarence McLaughlin was reared on the old homestead and educated in the neighborhood school of the days of simple living and primitive conditions. He remained at home and assisted his father and brothers in the work on the farm until he grew to manhood, although he was married at the age of nineteen to Miss Abbie Branshaw, a daughter of Peter Branshaw, a soldier in the Revolutionary war and an early settler in Monroe county. Mrs. McLaughlin died at the age of twenty-six leaving two children, her daughter Leota, who is now sixteen, and her son Clarence, Jr., who is thirteen.

On August 3, 1906, Mr. McLaughlin married a second wife in the person of Miss Louisa LaFee, a daughter of Charles LaFee, who settled in this county in early years, coming here from his native country of Canada. After his first marriage, Mr. McLaughlin began farming on his own account and set up a domestic shrine of his own apart from his father's house. He has been very successful in his operations, and now owns three farms comprising eighty-five acres in all. These farms are well improved with two good dwelling houses, three large barns and other necessary structures, and they have all been cultivated with skill and progressiveness, according the most approved modern methods, and rendered very responsive to the persuasive hand of the husbandman. Their owner is an excellent farmer and a successful breeder of superior strains of live stock, his specialties being horses, cattle and hogs.

In both the physical sense and that of personal prominence and influence, Mr. McLaughlin is a big man in his community. He weighs 220 pounds and has a large and stalwart frame. He has also taken so intelligent and helpful an interest in local public affairs, and contributed so directly and essentially to the general progress and improvement of his township, that he has risen to a rank of leadership among its residents and won their lasting confidence and esteem. His frank, genial and jolly nature makes all of his acquaintances his friends, his strict integrity and invariable square dealing have established him firmly in the estimation of the people as one of the most reliable men among them, and his broad and energetic public spirit has marked him as one of the township's most useful and representative citizens and one of the wisest promoters of its welfare.

EMORY H. McLAUGHLIN. Living on a good farm of seventy acres, which he owns and which he has improved with the buildings, fences and other evidences of progress and prosperity which it contains, and brought to its present high state of development and productiveness, Emory H. McLaughlin, one of the leading farmers and influential citizens of Ash township, Monroe county, is comfortably fixed in a worldly way, firmly established in the regard and good will of his

fellow men and able to be a factor of great usefulness in the general life of his township and county.

Mr. McLaughlin was born on September 15, 1867, on the old homestead farm which his father had entered and was living on at the time. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Fahrestock) McLaughlin, who were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, and came to this county in 1838, taking up their residence in the township in which their son Emory now lives, and in which he has passed the whole of his life to this time (1912). They were among the early settlers here, locating in a dense woodland whose century-crowned monarchs had never yet bowed their high heads before the conquering ax of the pioneer, or echoed to its resounding strokes.

But their day of destiny came with the father of this family, and others like him who invaded this wilderness about the same time. He built a log cabin as a shelter and home for his family, and immediately began to clear his land and get some of it under cultivation. He stuck to his work in these respects so faithfully and conducted it with such enterprise and system that in the course of a few years he had a good farm well on the way to its highest development and most advanced productiveness.

Samuel McLaughlin died in 1908, at the age of eighty-two, the mother died in 1899, aged fifty-nine. She was noted for her great kindness and goodness of heart, and he for his manly vigor, strong independence, wisely applied enterprise and general sterling worth. At the time of his death he owned 213 acres of land of superior quality, the greater part of which was under cultivation, and which he had improved with good buildings and fences. They were the parents of fourteen children: Charles, Sophronia, Theodore and Viola, all of whom are dead; and Irene, George W., Emory H., Clara, Henry and Clarence, who are living. Theodore died at the age of nineteen; Charles at the age of twenty; Sophronia at the age of forty-four, and Viola at the age of twenty-six. Three sons and one daughter died in infancy. The remains of all are buried near those of their parents in the cemetery at Grafton near Carleton. The father helped to build the first school-house and church in his neighborhood, and in many other ways and all the time showed his deep interest in the welfare of his locality and its residents.

Emory H. McLaughlin was reared to manhood on the home farm, and from his boyhood took an active part in its useful labor. He attended the primitive frontier school in the neighborhood when he could be spared from the farm work, and got the full benefit of its instructions, although they were simple in method, scanty in facilities and limited in range. It was the period during which the teacher eked out a slender compensation by boarding around among the parents of the pupils, and everything connected with the school was in keeping with this then highly approved and generally used but now archaic and somewhat amusing arrangement.

After leaving school, Mr. McLaughlin continued to work on his father's farm for a number of years, then began farming on his own account. He now owns and cultivates a fine farm of seventy acres, on

which he has recently erected a large new barn and some other structures, the old barn on the place, which was also a good one, having been destroyed by fire, together with some horses and a lot of farm machinery in 1911, entailing on him a loss of some \$2,000. He also has a comfortable and homelike dwelling house, and all other necessary improvements to make his farm an attractive, valuable and desirable rural home.

While giving all the attention and labor required to his farming operations, Mr. McLaughlin does not allow them to engage all his time and energy. He has operated a threshing outfit for the last sixteen years, and has won wide popularity by his skill, rapidity and complete mastery as a thresher of large quantities of grain, and his services in this capacity are always in demand at the proper season and well rewarded, for they are always such as to give entire satisfaction.

On May 2, 1895, Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Dubry, an intelligent and cultivated young lady of good family, born at Oxford, Oakland county, in 1876, the daughter of William and Catherine (McKinstry) Dubry. Her father was reared at Newport, this county, and died here in Monroe county. The mother, who was of Scotch ancestry, was born and grew to womanhood in St. Clair county, and died in Lapeer county, at the age of sixty-six. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have four children, their sons Lawrence S. and Donald E., and their daughters Gladys M. and Levine Pearl. The father is a Democrat in his political relations, and he and his wife belong to the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees. Both are highly esteemed wherever they are known.

DENNIS McLAUGHLIN. Acknowledging all the claims of citizenship with ardent devotion to his country, and impelled to his utmost efforts in performing them by a stern and unyielding sense of duty, Dennis McLaughlin, one of the successful and prosperous farmers of Ash township, Monroe county, Michigan, has been an honor to American manhood during all of his mature years, and an inspiring example to the people living around and associated with him. In times of peace he has always been an industrious farmer, and, although never himself a soldier, in times of war he has always stood loyally by the government and contributed all he could for its support.

Mr. McLaughlin was born in Monroe county, Michigan, on July 10, 1867, and is the ninth child in the order of birth of Benjamin and Levina (Armstrong) McLaughlin, the father, a native of Oxford county, Maine, and among the earliest pioneers in this county, having come here in 1838, a boy thirteen years of age. He was a son of Benjamin McLaughlin, Sr., and his wife, whose maiden name was Samantha Lawrence, also natives of Oxford county, Maine, who brought their son Benjamin to this county in the year last mentioned.

The grandparents passed the remainder of their days in this county and at the inevitable summons that must come to everybody, laid down their lives here. Their son, Benjamin, Jr., was but thirteen years old, as has been stated, when his parents located in the wilderness of this county, and at an early age he became inured to the dangers, privations and arduous toil of frontier life. He helped to clear and improve the

old family homestead, obtained a limited education in the primitive schools of pioneer days, and when he grew to manhood, was married to Miss Levina Armstrong, who was born in Genesee county, New York, on April 22, 1831. She had four brothers, John, William, Stephen J. and Eugene, who were Union soldiers in the Civil war, and one of them, William, lost his right arm in the service. She and her husband were the parents of fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters: Thomas R., Nettie M., Philo, Francis F., Howard, Harrison, William Arthur, Minerva, Dennis, George B., Daniel, Harry, Fred and Lydia. Five of the number have died. Philo's life ended in 1875; Howard's on October 4, 1860; Harrison's in 1859; Minerva's on October 5, 1880; and Lydia's in February, 1874. The mother died in 1904 at the age of eighty-one, and the father on February 13, 1912, aged eighty-eight.

The old home of this family was noted far and wide for its generous hospitality; which took in total strangers as readily as intimate acquaintances, and welcomed saint and sinner alike to its shelter and table, although the mother was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and very religious. The father and his sons took up the work of improving the farm and extending its cultivation where the grandfather left it, and in the course of time made it one of the best and most highly improved in the township. At the time of his death, the father was one of the oldest citizens of the county, if not the very oldest. He came into the region when it was in its state of almost primeval wildness, and he lived to see it divided into valuable and productive farms, enriched with towns growing and expanding where, in his boyhood, the wigwams of the Indians stood, and its whole expanse the home of a progressive, enterprising and prosperous people, blessed with all the perfumes and rich in all the fruits of advanced and still advancing civilization.

Dennis McLaughlin was reared on the old family homestead to habits of industry, honesty, frugality and usefulness. He secured what scholastic instruction and training the schools of his boyhood could give him, and remained at home, assisting his father on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-four. At that age he married Miss Lucy E. Renner and began farming for himself. He now owns and cultivates a fine and highly improved farm of forty acres, on which he has built a good dwelling house, a barn 28 by 46 feet in size, ample sheds, fences and other necessary structures, and which he has divided into fields of convenient acreage.

In addition to his farming work he has operated a threshing outfit at a good profit for the last eleven seasons. He is one of the best known threshers in southeastern Michigan, and in the season of 1911 did a business with his outfit amounting to \$1,800. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, firm in his convictions and loyal to his party, but with no aspirations to official life. A man of intelligence and frank and genial nature, keenly alive to the needs of his township and county and energetic in promoting their welfare and that of their residents, and strictly upright and straightforward in all his dealings, he is esteemed on all sides as one of the most sterling and representative citizens of his locality, and fully deserves the high rank accorded to him in public estimation.

THOMAS H. SMITH. Probably the most admirable feature of life in the United States is the possibility offered to all of its native born citizens, without regard to inherited wealth or rank, to attain to any position, no matter how lofty. The most influential of our statesmen, the most successful of our manufacturers, merchants and bankers, in fact, our brilliant, conservative and intelligent men in the various walks of life, are largely self-made, and are justly proud of the fact that they owe all they possess to their own efforts. Thomas H. Smith, cashier of the Bank of Maybee, is one of these men who has accomplished much through his native ability, untiring effort and sound principles. Mr. Smith was born in Exeter township, Monroe county, Michigan, September 5, 1875, on the old homestead of his parents, John and Bridget (Dunnigan) Smith.

John Smith was born in county Meath, Ireland, on St. Patrick's day, March 17, 1825, belonging to a sturdy old family whose members were noted for their strict honesty and integrity. As a young man he came to the United States, settling in Exeter township, Monroe county, Michigan, at an early day, and there continuing to carry on agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His widow, now a woman of eighty years, but in full possession of all of her faculties, bright and witty and in good health, lives on the old homestead farm with her sons, John and Matthew. The old homestead farm consists of 110 acres, all in a high state of cultivation. John and Bridget (Dunnigan) Smith had the following children: Michael, who resides at Lansing, Michigan; James, who lives in Detroit; Matthew; John, Jr.; Thomas H.; and Mrs. Mary Carlson, who resides in Scofield.

Thomas H. Smith received his education in the schools of Carleton, Michigan, and prepared himself to become an educator, following which he taught school for six years in Exeter township and five years in Scofield, and became well-known throughout this locality, being popular with pupils and parents alike. In 1901 he gave up the profession of educator to identify himself with financial affairs, that year seeing the organization of the Bank of Maybee, which has become one of the leading banking institutions of this part of Monroe county. The officers are D. Hasley, C. A. Kiley, L. Reiser, and Mr. Smith, the latter being cashier. The bank has a capital of \$5,000, with a good surplus, and has the entire confidence of the people of Maybee and the surrounding country, much of its business coming from the farming element. As cashier of this institution, Mr. Smith has shown himself to be a business man of more than ordinary ability, and his high reputation has done much to inspire confidence in the bank, while his courtesy and genial manner have made him a general favorite with the depositors, among whom he has numerous friends.

On June 7, 1904, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Mamie Jelsch, who was born in the village of Maybee, and reared and educated here, daughter of Charles and Louise (Gramlich) Jelsch, of Maybee, the latter of whom is deceased. Mrs. Smith died in 1906, when only twenty-one years of age. Mr. Smith has always taken a deep interest in fraternal matters and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Arbeiter Verein, and the Grange. As a man who takes a prominent part in all

that promises to benefit his town, he is considered one of Maybee's leading citizens, and as such has the full esteem of all who know him. Mr. Smith was married again, September 18, 1912, to Miss Dorothy Harpsh, daughter of Daniel and Sophia Harpsh.

RICHARD VIVIAN. The lumber interests of Southeastern Michigan have furnished a field of ripe opportunity to young men of energy and enterprise, and many of the most successful citizens of Monroe county have secured their fortunes through devoting their activities to this industry. In this class may be placed Richard Vivian, proprietor of a lumber yard at Maybee, who is also known in public life as the efficient and courteous treasurer of Exeter township. Mr. Vivian is a native of Monroe county, having been born July 20, 1865, just at the close of the Civil war, a son of Capt. Robert G. Vivian. Mr. Vivian's father was born at Dorsetshire, England, and at the age of twenty years emigrated to the United States, some time later coming to Monroe county, Michigan. For many years he was a captain on lake vessels, becoming widely and favorably known, and his death occurred at the age of sixty-seven years. He married Miss Mary Kellie, a native of Scotland, who assisted him materially in achieving success in life, and they had a family of four sons and six daughters, as follows: Martha, Joseph, John, Richard, Elizabeth, Belle, Ruth, Jessie, William P., and Margaret, and two who died in infancy. Mr. Vivian was a Republican in politics, but never cared for public office. In his religious views he belonged to the Church of England, while his widow is an Episcopalian. She now lives with her son Joseph, at the old homestead in Frenchtown, being seventy-six years of age and still sound in mind and body. She recalls many reminiscences of the old days in Monroe county, and is widely known and highly esteemed throughout this section.

Richard Vivian received good educational advantages, attending the district schools, and the Monroe high school. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Vivian displayed his patriotic spirit by enlisting, April 26, 1898, in the Thirty-first Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Capt. John M. Guttman. A short time thereafter the regiment was ordered to the south and went into camp at Chattanooga, Tennessee, under Col. Gardner, of the U. S. army. They stayed in camp at Chattanooga Park for several weeks, and then went to Knoxville, Tennessee, from whence they went to Cuba, and remained on the island three months. Returning to Savannah, Georgia, the regiment remained there until the close of the war. Mr. Vivian was promoted from private to corporal, and later became sergeant, while in Cuba. On his return to private life, Mr. Vivian became engaged in the lumber business with his brother, and they now have a large trade in lumber and building material, lime, cement, etc. Mr. Vivian is recognized as a shrewd, capable business man, possessed of sound judgment and the ability to recognize an opportunity and to carry it through to a successful conclusion. He has impressed himself upon the community as a valuable citizen, and has accordingly been elected to positions of honor and trust within the gift of his fellow-townsmen. A stanch and unfaltering Republican, he is known as one of the wheelhorses of the party

in Monroe county, and at the present time is acting in the capacity of township treasurer of Exeter township and formerly justice of the peace. Firm in his convictions as to what is right or wrong, and of courageous spirit, he has at all times tempered his decisions with justice, and his record as a public official is without the slightest stain or blemish. In addition he has been a delegate to numerous conventions and his influence is recognized by the party leaders. Fraternally, Mr. Vivian is connected with Masonic Blue Lodge No. 27, and the Chapter at Monroe.

On May 18, 1907, Mr. Vivian was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Knaggs, who was born, reared and educated in Monroe county, daughter of Daniel Knaggs, a veteran of the great Civil War.

JOHN C. HASLEY. A business enterprise that has carried on operations in Maybee, since 1875, adding materially to the industrial importance of this part of Monroe county, is that of the Hasley Mills, of which, John C. Hasley, is highly regarded throughout the community as a man of unusually quick perception, business ability and sound judgment. Succeeding his father in the management of the business, he has strengthened and developed it, and has so conducted its affairs that it has much more than a local standing.

Jacob Hasley, the grandfather of John C. Hasley, was born at Golsousen, Bretten, Baden, Germany, and late in life came to Monroe county, Michigan, where his death occurred in his sixty-sixth year. His son, Daniel Hasley, was born at the same place, and there received his education, being reared to habits of sobriety and industry. He was married in Monroe, Michigan, to Margaret Mann, who was also born in Germany, and after their marriage they settled on a farm in Monroe county. Here, in 1875, Daniel Hasley and Company erected the original Hasley Flouring Mill, a three-story brick structure which was the nucleus for the present large business, and with which Mr. Hasley was connected during the remainder of his life. He was possessed of much business ability, and each year improved his plant and added to his trade, and among the older citizens of this town he is remembered as one of those who did much to make Maybee a center of commercial and industrial activity. He and his wife had the following children: Daniel, who resides at Monroe; Mary, living in Maybee; Philip, of Flat Rock; John C.; Christina, the wife of Harry C. Herkimer, of Maybee; Matilda, the wife of Charles Herkimer, of Maybee; William, who resides on the old home farm near Maybee, in Exeter township; Julia, the wife of Dr. A. B. Lennington, a well-known physician of Maybee; Margaret, who died at the age of nineteen years; and two sons who died in childhood.

John C. Hasley was born on the home farm in Exeter township, Monroe county, February 12, 1867, and attended the district schools of that locality, although the greater part of his education has been secured in the school of hard work, and in business experience. He remained on the home farm, assisting in its cultivation until 1887, at which time he began working in the mill and learning the business, with which he has been connected to the present time. The original mill building has been improved and added to until it is now modern in construction, and with fine equipment. In 1888, was erected the elevator, and in 1895, a

large annex was built thereto, it now having a capacity of ten thousand bushels of grain. Only the finest grains are handled, and the mill turns out a high grade of product that finds a ready sale in the markets and secures top-notch prices. Mr. Hasley operates a large fifty horse-power gas producer and engine, and his appliances and appurtenances are the most highly improved that can be obtained. Progressive in all matters, he has never failed to take advantage of the latest inventions and discoveries bearing upon his business, and as a result is looked upon as one of his community's far-sighted and enterprising men.

Mr. Hasley was married in 1898 to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Galloway, daughter of James S. Galloway, of Palmyra, New York, a member of an old and distinguished family which gave New York City its first mayor. Her mother bore the maiden name of Catherine Hoeszle, and was born at Adrian, Michigan, where Mr. Galloway died, and where Mrs. Hasley was born, reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Hasley have had the following children: Helen May, Margaret Catherine, Henry James, Andrew Daniel and Richard Conrad. A stalwart Republican in politics, Mr. Hasley has served as township clerk, to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens. He and his wife are well known members of the Congregational church. They reside in their ten-room residence at Maybee, where they extend to their guests the liberal hospitality for which they are famed.

WILLIAM HEISS. Born, reared and educated in Exeter township, Monroe county, Michigan, and from his boyhood connected in a practical way with its farming industry; a man of intelligence and reflective habits, studious of conditions and requirements in the country around him; genial, jovial and obliging in disposition, and strictly upright and fair-minded in all his dealings, William Heiss, supervisor of the township now serving his second term in the office, is particularly well qualified for the public service in which he is engaged, and is rendering it in a manner satisfactory to the people of the whole township and those of other parts of the county where his duties affect them or the general interest in any way.

Mr. Heiss was born August 22, 1871, on the farm which he now owns and cultivates, and is a son of Gottfreid and Anna Mary (Fingel) Heiss, the former born and reared in Germany and the latter in this township. The father came to this country when he was a young man and located in Exeter township, this county, among its early settlers. He redeemed a good farm of 245 acres from the wilderness, built a fine modern brick dwelling house of fourteen rooms, two large barns, a granary, hay house, tool and repair shop and other structures on his farm, which still stand impressive monuments to his thrift and enterprise, and met all the claims and performed all the duties of citizenship in a highly commendable manner. He died about the year 1897, aged sixty years. His widow is still living, and is now sixty-three, but still strong, active and energetic.

Six of the seven children born in the household are living: J. Henry, William, Paul, Barbara, Mary and John. A daughter named Regina died many years ago. The father was a firm and faithful member of the

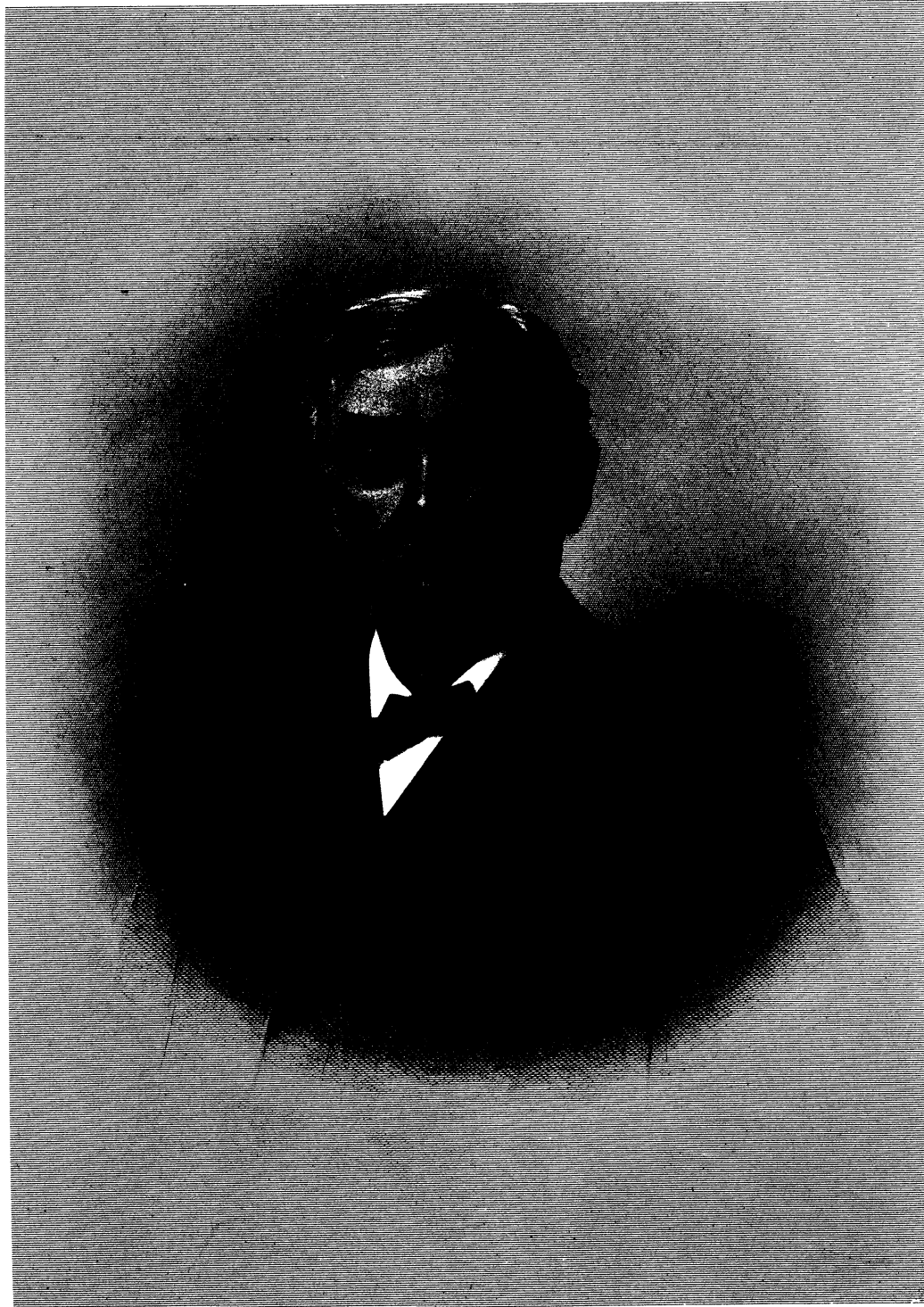
Democratic party in his political relations and a devout adherent of the Lutheran church in religious affiliation. He held his membership in the congregation at Sandy Creek, and was one of its most liberal supporters.

William Heiss grew to manhood on the parental farm and has never had any other home. He began in boyhood to assist his father in the work of cultivating the farm, giving his whole attention to this in summer and attending the country school in the neighborhood in winter. As he grew older and larger, his interest in the farm increased and his labor for its improvement became more considerable, until, as he approached man's estate, he took almost the entire charge of it. His methods, like his father's, have always been progressive and intelligently applied, and he has made the old homestead, which was an unpruned wild when the parents took hold of it, one of the most productive, attractive and valuable of its size in the county.

Mr. Heiss showed his interest in the progress and general welfare of his township at an early age and in a commendable manner, and so impressed the people with his sweep of vision and clearness of insight, that in the spring of 1911, he was elected supervisor, and after one year of excellent service in the office, was reelected in the spring of 1912. In the performance of his official duties he is firm for the best interests of the township, and the economical use of its money, but he is never arbitrary or overbearing. Everybody who has business in his office is treated with courtesy and has his rights and wishes properly respected. He is one of the best known men in the county, and is everywhere commended for his superior business capacity and excellent judgment. Notwithstanding his jovial nature, Mr. Heiss is still a bachelor, the shafts of Cupid never having made a permanent lodgment in his manly breast. But he is, nevertheless, one of the best citizens of his township, and cordially esteemed socially throughout the county.

SEBASTIAN LIEDEL. One of the important industries of Monroe county, which, starting in a humble manner, has become the leading enterprise of Maybee, is the department store of S. Liedel & Sons, the senior member of the firm being Sebastian Liedel, who is universally recognized as one of his community's foremost citizens. Mr. Liedel's talents and abilities have not been confined to one line of endeavor, as in addition to mercantile pursuits he has engaged extensively in farming and stock buying and shipping, and withal has found time to interest himself in behalf of his community, where he is always found at the head of progressive and beneficial movements. Mr. Liedel was born in London township, Monroe county, Michigan, July 15, 1860, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Sturm) Liedel, natives of Baden, Germany, who came to the United States as young people and spent their last years in Monroe county, the father dying at the age of seventy-five years and the mother when she was seventy. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Henry, Sebastian, William, Rhinehart, Rosa, Bertha, Matthew and Josie. All the children were given good educational advantages, and were fitted for whatever position in life they might be called upon to fill.

Sebastian Liedel resided on the home farm and secured his education



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in the district schools, but in 1887, left the parental roof and went to Chicago, Illinois, where he learned the trade of carpenter. He was engaged in work at the World's Columbian Exposition in the Illinois metropolis in 1893, in the fall of which year he came to Maybee, in the vicinity of which town he was engaged in farming for some time, and still owns one hundred and five acres of finely-cultivated land. However, he decided to enter upon a business career, his first venture being as the proprietor of a meat market in Maybee, and this has grown and flourished and is now the leading market of the town. Encouraged by his success in this enterprise, Mr. Sebastian embarked in a mercantile business in a humble way, and his rise in this line has been almost phenomenal, the firm of S. Liedel & Sons now owning the largest department store in Maybee, an establishment that has a county-wide reputation. This reputation has been built up through honest business methods, Mr. Liedel recognizing early in life that strict integrity and fair dealing, coupled with an appreciation of the rights of others, was the surest method of gaining success. Consequently, the motto of the firm has been "Good Goods for Good Money," and the manner in which the people of Maybee and the surrounding country have patronized the firm has vindicated Mr. Liedel's belief in the efficacy of his principles. The firm deals in dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, carpets, notions, and everything that is desired by the people of the community. His establishment has seventy feet frontage and one hundred feet depth, and with his other holdings covers an entire half block. For nineteen years, Mr. Liedel has been engaged in buying and shipping live stock, disposing of his cattle in Toledo, Ohio, Buffalo and Cleveland. As Mr. Liedel always buys for cash he is able to take advantage of discounts, and is, therefore, enabled to compete successfully and undersell any mail order house. In his store may be found all of the best quality of goods to be found in the largest cities, as he often sends east for his goods, and he still has numerous customers on his books who started to deal with him when he first engaged in business here.

September 8, 1885, Mr. Liedel was united in marriage with Miss Susan Greashaber, who was born at Raisinville, Michigan, and they have had fourteen children, as follows: Bernard, manager of the department store, born August 2, 1887, reared and educated in this county, married in October, 1910, Nellie Hitchenham, who was also born here, daughter of Daniel Hitchenham, and they have a son, Daniel; Otto, resident of Detroit; Sebastian, who has charge of the meat market and is a partner in the business; Luke, who is conducting his father's farm; Carl and Harry, who are twins, also living on the farm; Elmer; Lorilla; Margaret; Leonard; Marcella; Mabel; Omar, and Roy and Ruth, who are twins.

Mr. Liedel is a Democrat, politically. Mr. and Mrs. Liedel and children are members of the St. Joseph Catholic church at Maybee, Michigan.

CHARLES AUGUST BOEHME. So long as there remain in Monroe county those who knew the late Charles August Boehme, so long will his memory be honored and cherished, and the record of his achievement as one of the world's workers can not fail to offer perpetual lesson and incentive. He not only became one of the foremost figures in the local

business community, where he was the prime factor in the development and upbuilding of one of the greatest and most prosperous industrial enterprises in the county, but he was also signally appreciative of the higher ideals and more refining influences in the scheme of human existence and was specially prominent in connection with musical affairs in his home community. A musician of fine talent, he found time and opportunity to do much in advancing musical interests in Monroe, and indeed in the state, and many will best remember him for his splendid activities in this direction. It is not often that a business man who carries as great a burden of cares and responsibilities as did Mr. Boehme will divert attention to the idealistic agencies which make for human happiness, but it was his to do much along both lines and to do well in each. A genial, kindly personality was his, and his abiding sympathy and great heart won to him the loyal friendship and affection of those with whom he came in contact. Well may it be said that he will not soon be forgotten in Monroe county, and it is a matter of consistency as well as gratification to be able to offer in this publication a brief tribute to the memory of this honored citizen and noble man, who was summoned to the life eternal on the 23d of December, 1909, at the age of seventy-one years.

Charles August Boehme was born in the historic and beautiful town of Jena, in the principality of Saxe-Weimar, Germany, and the date of his nativity was September 22, 1838. He was a child at the time of his parents' immigration to America, in the '40s, and his father established the family home in Monroe, Michigan, soon after coming to this country. The father had learned in his native land the trade of ropemaking and was a skilled artisan in this line. In Monroe he established a modest rope factory in the old grove on Washington street, but in the early '60s he bought the property on the corner of Jerome and First streets, where he erected his rope factory on the north side of the property and his residence along the First street frontage. The enterprise was continued by the founder until his death and thereafter the son, subject of this memoir, conducted the business in an individual way for many years, his close application, thorough technical knowledge and correct methods bringing a constant expansion to the industry, which eventually became the most important manufacturing enterprise in Monroe county. Concerning the business career of Charles H. Boehme, a better record of succinct order can not, perhaps, be given than that which appeared in the *Monroe Democrat* at the time of his death, and from the article are taken the following quotations, with but minor paraphrase:

In 1893 Edward C. Rauch sold his clothing business and formed a partnership with Mr. Boehme—a transaction that was to prove the first step in the development of the city's greatest industrial institution. Mr. Rauch assumed charge of the commercial department of the business and Mr. Boehme was thus enabled to devote his undivided attention to the manufacturing department. They greatly enlarged the rope and cordage business, in connection with which they leased the building now occupied by Harrington & Schmidt, on Washington street. The business outgrew the capital of the two interested principals, and became too great for only the two to supervise. Four years later, therefore, John P.

Bronson, of Toledo, Ohio, a brother-in-law of Mr. Boehme, was admitted to partnership and the capital of the concern was increased. A year later the firm experimented with the manufacture of binder-board, and the venture proved so successful and the future possibilities were so alluring, that this soon became the principal business of the firm. The old Eagle mill was purchased and shortly afterward was doubled in size. The rope and cordage business was abandoned entirely and the Boehme & Rauch Company was organized and incorporated. A large mill was erected near the docks, and this in turn was united with the Monroe Folding Box Company. In the summer of 1909 the new addition, which doubled the capacity of the plant, was brought into commission. Though retaining his office of vice-president and having a large interest in the company, Mr. Boehme had taken less active part in the management of the concern during the period of about two years prior to his death, and he confined his attention principally to the supervision of some of the departments, a work that did not tax severely his strength in his advanced age. He was one of the founders and a director of the Monroe State Savings Bank, and was a valued official of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' Club. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, he was a charter member of Custer Tent, No. 116, Knights of the Modern Maccabees, as is also his widow, who still maintains her home in Monroe and who has long been a gracious and loved factor in the city's social life.

As has already been intimated, Mr. Boehme was specially influential in connection with the activities of local musical circles, and he was a leader in musical affairs for many years. Largely through this medium he gained his remarkably wide circle of friends in this and other states of the Union, and he did much to give to Monroe its distinctive prestige as a center of high-grade musical art. Early in the '60s Mr. Norman organized the first orchestra in Monroe, and of the same Mr. Boehme became one of the most valued members. As a matter of historical record it is but just that the personnel of this original organization be noted in this connection: Mr. Norman, first violin; William Hubble, second violin; Charles H. Boehme, first flute; August Vergho, second flute; Alfred Stewart, violoncello; and H. L. Stoddard, double-bass.

In 1874 Mr. Boehme effected the organization of Boehme's orchestra, of which he became conductor and first flutist, the names and assignments of the other members being as here noted: Charles Vetter, cornet; Adolph Rupp, trombone; William Uhl, violoncello; Henry J. Mann, first violin; Philip Mann, second violin; and Conrad Kiburtz, clarinet. Of this orchestra, which gained high reputation and wide popularity, Mr. Boehme continued conductor until 1894. In the meanwhile he had also been a member of the old Monroe cornet band, of which he was the leader for about twenty years. Under his regime in this position were held the two mammoth band tournaments that are still mentioned with pride and admiration by the citizens of Monroe, who witnessed or took part in the same.

On the 21st of February, 1871, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Boehme to Miss Mary Lee, who was born at Toledo, on the 8th of

October, 1848, and who is the daughter of the late Albert Lee, an honored pioneer of Monroe county. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Maes, who is now bishop of the diocese of Covington, Kentucky. The domestic chapter in the life history of Mr. Boehme was one whose every relation was ideal, and his interests ever centered in his home, in which he was the soul of devotion and of buoyant cheer. Mrs. Boehme survives her honored husband, as do also five daughters, namely: Helen, Matilda, Camilla, Ida, and Julia, who married Edward W. Bassett of Toledo. One child, a daughter, died in infancy, and the only son, Albert, died on the 4th of April, 1894, at the age of twenty-one years. He was a young man of fine characteristics and great promise, and his death was a grievous blow to his parents. In conclusion of this brief memoir quotation is made from the appreciative article that appeared in a Monroe paper at the time of Mr. Boehme's death:

"Mr. Boehme was of open, simple nature—he was quiet and unaffected in demeanor and his pleasures were also marked by simplicity and moderation. His home and family were always his greatest joy. In addition to that, a quiet game of whist or '500' with congenial friends, or an evening spent at a concert or other musical entertainment appealed most strongly to and completely satisfied his need of amusement. Pleasure walks and drives about the city were his favorite recreation, and his love for travel was appeased by summer trips on the Great Lakes, with occasional journeys to the fatherland. The funeral services were marked by the simplicity that had been characteristic of the man. They were held at his late home, corner of Jerome and First streets, which he had recently sold and from which he had intended to move in the following spring. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Burns, D. D., who offered prayer and gave a brief address. The cornet band, according to the oft-declared wish of the deceased, attended the funeral in uniform and headed the cortege. Among the selections was 'Nearer My God to Thee,' as arranged for band by Mr. Boehme when he was leader of the organization. The body was placed in the vault at St. Joseph's cemetery, where the band rendered 'The Sweet Bye and Bye,' which had always been one of Mr. Boehme's favorites. The pallbearers were chosen from the employes of the Boehme & Rauch Company and the directors of the company acted as honorary pallbearers. The directors of the Monroe State Savings Bank attended in a body, and members of the Merchants' & Manufacturers' Club, the Maccabees, likewise employes of the Boehme & Rauch Company, together with hundreds of close friends of the deceased, escorted the body to its last resting place."

MICHAEL ECKHOF. With some men there seems but one line which they can follow, one vocation in which they can meet with any degree of success, one business on which they must needs concentrate their entire abilities and activities. The combination of human attributes which go to make for success in varied fields of endeavor are rarely found, but are possessed by the subject of this sketch, Michael Eckhof, an old settler of Exeter township, who during a period of forty years has met with equal success in agricultural pursuits and in the mercantile field. Mr. Eckhof was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 3, 1850,

and is the son of Michael and Lena (Billings) Eckhof, both of whom were born in the Fatherland. They emigrated to the United States as young people, and settled first in the city of Milwaukee, where the father of Mr. Eckhof established himself in business as the proprietor of one of the first cooper shops in the Cream City. In 1861, the family left Milwaukee, Michael then being a stalwart lad of eleven years, and came to the woods of Monroe county, Michigan, where Mr. Eckhof secured a farm in Exeter township. Here he continued to carry on agricultural operations throughout the remainder of his life, firmly establishing himself in the esteem and confidence of his neighbors, and accumulating a comfortable competency in worldly goods. He and his wife had a family as follows: Philip, who enlisted as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and met his death on the field of battle; Michael; Lena; Fred, who is deceased; Lizzie; George; Mary; Frank and Minnie. The parents were consistent members of the Lutheran church, and reared their children in that faith, inculcating in them habits of industry, morality and sobriety and fitting them for useful lives.

The early education of Michael Eckhof was secured in the public schools of Milwaukee, and after coming to Michigan he attended the district schools of Exeter township. Reared to agricultural pursuits, as a young man he engaged in farming, and has continued to be a tiller of the soil to the present time, although this has not demanded his entire attention. In young manhood he established himself in business as the proprietor of a general store, and at this time he has a large and valuable stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware and notions, supplying the farmers of his vicinity with the best quality of goods, and carrying on a flourishing trade. The honorable methods which he uses in conducting his business have won the entire confidence of his fellow-citizens, and he is looked upon as one of his community's alert and active business men and skilled agriculturists. Personally, Mr. Eckhof is frank and genial in his manner, and his policy of always holding in high regard the rights and opinions of others has made him numerous warm, personal friends.

On October 6, 1891, Mr. Eckhof was united in marriage with Miss Fredericka Engler, who was born and reared in Germany, and was brought from the Fatherland in girlhood by her parents. Her father, a native of Baden, died in Fremont, Ohio, while her mother, also a native of that principality, passed away in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Eckhof have one daughter, Ada, who was born in Monroe county and reared there. She was married December 10, 1911, to Edward H. Huebner, who was born in Detroit, Michigan, a son of John and Augusta Huebner, who were born in Germany. Mrs. Huebner was educated in the public schools, and has taken music instruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckhof are both members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, one of the best fraternal organizations of Carleton, Michigan. Mr. Eckhof was vice-chief Gleaner for some years in this locality.

JOHN W. ZINK. This prominent and successful farmer, who is one of the best known and most esteemed citizens of Exeter township, Monroe county, has lived on the farm he now occupies for forty-three years,

and during the whole of that period he has so demeaned himself as to stand well with the people around him and win their increasing approval and regard, although he was only eleven years old when his parents came to this county and located on the farm on which he now has his home.

The standing Mr. Zink has in the township is well shown by his election to the office of justice of the peace in the spring of 1908 and his occupancy of it ever since. He has performed the duties of the office in a manner that has given general satisfaction and shown a high order of ability, good judgment and rare common sense. The people commend him for his fairness, strict uprightness and faithful attention to duty, administering justice without fear or favor, protecting the rights of all who have business before him, but also looking zealously after the interests of the community in every way within his jurisdiction.

Mr. Zink was born in Niagara county, New York, on April 30, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Julia (Wittenberg) Zink, natives of Germany, the father born in Bavaria and the mother also in Bavaria, in that country. Henry was eight years old when his father, John Zink, came to this country and located in Niagara county, New York. He grew to manhood on a New York farm, and was reared, educated and married in that state. His wife was a daughter of John Wittenberg, who was also born in Germany.

In 1869, Henry Zink and the family he then had, came to Michigan and Monroe county and took up their residence on the Exeter township farm which has been in the family ever since. The father bought a saw mill, which was destroyed by fire the next year, 1870. He at once built another, which he operated for a number of years. He also cultivated his farm and became prominent in the township by the excellent service he rendered it as drain commissioner for a continuous period of eight years. He was also a good carpenter and helped to build several of the early residences and other structures in the township.

This useful citizen and man of many parts died at the age of seventy-six, and the mother resides in Detroit, Michigan, at the age of seventy-nine. They were the parents of eleven children: Julia, John W., Elizabeth, Catherine, deceased at age of two years, Mary, Henrietta, Margaret, Philopena, Rosa and Clara. Catherine died in infancy and Rosa at the age of nineteen. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and ardent supporters of the congregation to which they belonged.

John W. Zink was reared from the age of eleven years on the family farm on which he still lives, received a common school education and helped to clear and improve the homestead. This is known as Green Valley Farm, and is one of the best in the township. It comprises seventy-five acres, is improved with a good modern dwelling house, large barns and sheds and well built and attractive fences, is cultivated in the best methods of present-day farming and is located four miles west of Carleton. In addition, Mr. Zink owns a tract of forty acres one mile and a quarter west of this home farm, which is also in an advanced state of improvement and cultivation, for its owner is an excellent farmer.

On November 27, 1889, Mr. Zink was united in marriage with Miss Anna Geistaker, a native of Germany, where she was educated and lived

to the age of eighteen. Her father died when she was a child and her mother when the daughter was but eleven years old. She and her husband have five children: Lydia, who is a popular and successful public school teacher in this township; and John H., Kunda Gunda, Alice and Karl W. They have all been well reared and educated, and are highly creditable to their parents and the community in which they live. All the members of the family belong to the Lutheran church at Sandy Creek and zealously assist in its evangelical work and support it in every way open to their efforts.

ROBERT DRINKHAHN. The family name Drinkhahn has for many years been associated with substantial worth and steady prosperity in the township of Exeter, and the homestead on section 15 is one of the pleasantest and best improved in the township.

Robert Drinkhahn, who has spent nearly all his life on the farm where he now resides, was born in Monroe county on the 20th of February, 1879. His father, Lewis Drinkhahn, now deceased, was born, reared and educated in Germany, and when a young man, emigrated to the United States and became a settler in Monroe county. He married Reke Kaine, and in 1881 they moved to the land which has ever since been the home of the family. In 1888 the father died from being kicked by a horse. He was then about forty-two years of age, and his son Robert was only nine years old. The mother never fully recovered from the shock of this tragic death. Her death occurred July 7, 1911. She left four sons and three daughters, namely: Theodore, a merchant in Scofield; Robert; Mary; Sophia; Louise; Fred; and Lewis. The family were Reformed Lutherans. The father was one of the industrious men of the township and popular with everybody. He had made a good home for his family, and had his farm improved with first class barns and cultivated to the best advantage.

Mr. Robert Drinkhahn, who received his early education in the schools of this vicinity, has been a farmer all his active career, and raises grain and stock. He is a bachelor and he and a sister keep the old home.

GEORGE H. BORDINE. In every branch of industry, the advance of Monroe county has been remarkably rapid during the past few decades, and its progress has been equal to that of any other part of the state of Michigan. The present prosperity of the county is well represented by its agriculturists, and among these may be mentioned George H. Bordine, one of the self-made men of this locality, and the owner of sixty-seven acres of finely cultivated land in Section 2, Exeter township. Mr. Bordine was born May 23, 1871, on the old family homestead farm, located near his present home, and is a son of Charles and Eliza (Mott) Bordine. His grandfather, Allen Bordine, was of German ancestry, and at an early day located at Oakville, Washtenaw county, Michigan, where Charles Bordine was born. As a young man Charles Bordine was married at Plymouth, Michigan, to Miss Eliza Mott, who was born at Canton, Michigan, and after their marriage they removed to Exeter township and settled on the old Johnson farm of 120 acres, where Mr. Bordine built a log house and barn. He continued to cultivate this

land all of his life, and passed away in Exeter township, at the age of sixty-seven years. During the Civil war he served gallantly for twenty-one months as a member of the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and on his return from the war proved himself just as faithful in the discharge of his duties as a private citizen as he had been as a soldier. Mrs. Bordine passed away at the age of fifty-three years, having been the mother of six children, of whom five survive: Allen, George H., Lucy, Charles and Ada. Mary, the twin sister of Lucy, is deceased.

George H. Bordine received his education in the public schools of his native locality, and was reared to the work of the home farm, his father training him in all things that would assist him to become a successful agriculturist, while his mother reared him carefully in the paths of honesty and integrity. He continued to remain under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, and at that time he started out to make his own way in the world. For five years he continued to work as a farm hand in Exeter township, and when he was twenty-nine years of age was married to Miss Mabel Thorn, who was born, reared and educated in Ash township, Monroe county, daughter of Charles Thorn, a well-known farmer in that township. Charles Thorn was born in Monroe county, in 1859, a son of John C. and Elizabeth (Walters) Thorn, natives of New York state, the latter of whom was a daughter of William Walters. His widow passed away in 1904, at the age of sixty-seven years. Charles Thorn was married to Sarah Clark, of Stony Creek, daughter of W. D. and Elizabeth (Trace) Clark, and to that union there were born seven sons and three daughters, as follows: Mrs. Mabel Bordine; Myrtle, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Grover; Lee; John; Earl; Eva; Charles A.; and Wilbert and Willard, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Bordine have two sons: Curtis and Devere, and lost one daughter, Grace Flossie.

At this time Mr. Bordine is recognized as one of the able young agriculturists of his locality, owning an excellent tract of sixty-seven acres, located on section 2, Exeter township. He has made numerous improvements on this land, including a fine, modern, well-furnished house, a stock barn 34 x 56 feet, and other well built and appropriately placed buildings. Like his father, he is a staunch Republican in his political views. He is known in his community as a man of superior business judgment, a man of intelligence and vigor, who through the medium of his own efforts has gained success. He is at all times ready to give aid to any movement that has for its object the betterment of the community, and is a staunch supporter of morality, education and good citizenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Bordine are members of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, at Carleton, Michigan, and he is a member of the Scofield Grange.

WESLEY RIED. Monroe county, Michigan, is fortunate in that among its representative men and officials it possesses many men who are still in the flush of young manhood, imbued with the enthusiasm of youth and possessed of the strength and vitality to formulate progressive movements and carry them through to a successful conclusion. In this class stands Wesley Ried, clerk of London township, and one of the most

popular young men of Maybee, whose inclination and training have fitted him to handle the affairs of his township to the entire satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Ried comes of good old sturdy German stock, his parents, John and Magdalena (Schafer) Ried, being natives of Michigan. His maternal grandfather, the Rev. Schafer, was an early minister of Monroe county, whose chosen field of endeavor was the town of Ida, and he was widely known and greatly esteemed throughout this part of the county. John Ried was brought up in Monroe county, Michigan, and his education was secured in the district schools. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and has followed farming all his life, being at this time the owner of 120 acres of fine land in London township, on which are located a handsome residence, good barns and substantial outbuildings. He has been successful in his ventures and is rated one of the substantial farmer-citizens of his community. Mrs. Ried, who died in 1906, was widely known in this section for her many admirable qualities of mind and heart, and her death was mourned not only by her immediate family and friends, but by a wide circle of acquaintances who had come to know and appreciate her kindly christian character. She and her husband had a family of eight children: May, Rose, Laura, Mildred, Loma, Wesley, Grace and Nellie, of whom May, Loma, Laura and Wesley have been school teachers in Monroe county.

Wesley Ried was born in Monroe county, Michigan, December 14, 1887, and received a good education in the township schools, and was reared to the life of a farmer, but decided instead to enter upon a professional career as a teacher. He was for some time engaged in this profession in Monroe county, becoming a well-known educator, and being popular alike with pupils and parents, but in 1911 became the candidate of his party for the office of township clerk, and in the election which followed his popularity was shown by his election to that office. He has given the citizens of London township no reason to regret their choice, as he has at all times proven an efficient and genial clerk, handling the business of the township with a conscientious regard to duty that has resulted beneficially to his community's interests and gaining many friends among those who have business in his office by his courteous and affable manner. He has been active in the support of his party's principles and candidates at all times, and has acted in the capacity of delegate to several conventions. He is an enthusiastic athlete, and one of the strong members of the Maybee baseball team, a crack organization of local players who have a strong following in this section. Mr. Ried hits and runs bases well and is capable of putting up a good game either at third base or behind the bat.

CHARLES COOTE, the combination of whose commercial interests make him one of the best known and most influential business citizens of Maybee, belongs to that class of men who have been the architects of their own fortunes, having started his career without financial support or influential friends and worked his way up the ladder of success entirely through the medium of his own efforts. At this time he is the proprietor of an ice cream parlor, which is one of the most popular resorts of the young people of Maybee, and where can also be obtained

all kinds of fruits, candies and confectionery, and in addition owns a moving picture theatre and a milk station. Mr. Coote is one of the busiest and most progressive men of the town, but has found time to interest himself in various movements of a public-spirited nature, and as one who has the welfare of his community at heart, well deserves the esteem in which he is universally held. Charles Coote was born the year of the Chicago fire, August 25, 1871, at Stoney Ridge, Monroe county, Michigan, and is a son of Dr. Coote, a well-known physician, who died at the age of fifty-four years. Mr. Coote's mother passed away in December, 1912, having had these children: Minnie Ellis, Della, Catherine, John, Robert and Charles.

Charles Coote lost his father when he was but two years old, and was reared by his mother, his education being secured in the public schools and a college taught by Prof. Brown. As a youth he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he worked for some time in a repair shop, and later came to Michigan and secured employment in a paper mill at Monroe. In 1909 Mr. Coote came to Maybee and opened his Palace of Sweets, where he has since built up a large business in fruits, nuts, candy, ice cream and confectionery of all kinds, the excellence of his goods and the high quality of the service in his establishment having made the parlors exceedingly popular. Subsequently he embarked in the moving picture business, opening a theatre that at once attracted a large patronage by its unusual films. Mr. Coote conducts a clean, moral family theatre, which has a large following among both young and old, and obtains the latest and finest reels for the amusement of his patrons. These two enterprises would probably demand the entire attention and time of the ordinary man, but Mr. Coote's energies demanded a still wider field of operation, and he accordingly engaged in the milk business, having a station at Maybee where more than 12,000 pounds of milk are received daily, made into butter, and shipped to Detroit, where the product finds a ready and profitable market. He uses a De Laval Separator and 12 horse-power engine, and extraordinary precautions are taken to observe all the rules of hygiene. Cleanliness has always been the watchword in his establishments, and his customers are fully protected against dirt or disease in any form. Personally, Mr. Coote is a man of pleasant address, courteous and genial to all who meet him either in a business or social way, and it is doubtful if there is a more popular man in Maybee.

On October 31, 1895, Mr. Coote was married to Miss Clara Otis, who was born at Pierceton, Kosciusko county, Indiana, daughter of Paul Otis, a representative of an old and highly respected family of Kosciusko county, Indiana, who died at Syracuse, that state, June 7, 1912, at the age of sixty-nine years. He had four children: Nettie, Mary, Della and Clara. Mrs. Coote was educated in the schools of Pierceton, Indiana, and has developed into an excellent business woman, being an able assistant to her husband in his business enterprises. They have had three children: Pauline, Hildred and Opal. Mr. Coote is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Castle Hall at Dundee, Michigan, Monroe Camp No. Adolph 66, M. W. of A., and he and Mrs. Coote attend the Presbyterian church at Maybee.

FRED SMITH. Prominent among the younger generation of agriculturists in Monroe county, Michigan, one who has achieved success in his chosen vocation of tilling the soil even before the flush of youth has left his cheeks, is Fred Smith, of Exeter township, who has interested himself also in matters of an educational, public and religious nature, and is treasurer of the Lutheran church, at Maybee. Mr. Smith was born on the homestead farm of his father, in Raisinville, Monroe township, near the town of Maybee, October 15, 1883, and is a representative of one of the old and honored families of this section, whose members have been noted for their sterling integrity, honesty and industry. His father, John Smith, a prosperous farmer and leading church member of Exeter township, was born in Baden, Germany, where he was reared to manhood and received good educational advantages. He was thirty years of age at the time of his coming to the United States, having decided, like many other good men of the Fatherland, that the only future before him in his native land was to always work hard and never acquire independence. Settling in Raisinville township, near Maybee, he applied himself to clearing and cultivating a farm, with such success that he is now the owner of a valuable tract of 125 acres, which has been developed into one of the best farms in the township. Mr. Smith was married to Miss Rosa Firtz, who was also born in Baden, Germany, and after their marriage they located in Raisin township, their present home, where the loving wife and mother passed away in January, 1911, at the age of fifty-six years. A woman of many Christian virtues, she reared her children to lives of honesty and good citizenship, and in her death, Raisinville township lost one of its best-beloved women. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, to which her husband, who survives her and is sixty-two years of age, also belongs. They had a family of four children: John, Henry, Fred and Charles.

Fred Smith was reared on the home farm, and was reared to the vocation of farmer, his education being obtained in the district schools during the winter terms, while the summer months were spent in assisting his father and brothers in the duties of the homestead. He was married March 31, 1910, to Miss Clara Lohr, who was born near Elmore, Ohio, on the fine old homestead farm of her father, John Lohr, a representative agriculturist of this section. Mrs. Smith was given good educational advantages, and is a lady of culture and refinement, having numerous friends in social circles of Maybee. She and her husband have one son, John George, a bright and interesting baby, named in honor of his grandfathers.

After his marriage Mr. Smith settled down to farming on his own account, and now has an excellent tract of land, consisting of fifty-two acres lying adjoining the town of Maybee. This property, which is known as Meadow Lawn, has a beautiful nine-room rural home, while the other buildings are architecturally handsome, including a barn 32x75 feet, a cow stable 16x32 feet, a granary 16x26 feet, a hog barn 18x46 feet and a silo 10x30 feet. General farming has demanded Mr. Smith's attention, in addition to which he raises some cattle and hogs for shipment to the large markets, and his ventures have been very successful. Ever since boyhood he has been an active worker in the

Lutheran church, and for some time has acted in the capacity of treasurer. He is a general favorite among those who know him, and is regarded as one of the enterprising and progressive young farmer-citizens of Exeter township.

FRED GERICK. The selection of any individual to fill important offices is naturally evidence of that person's ability and efficiency, and when he has capably discharged the duties of his various public positions for more than seventeen years, it is generally conceded that his worthiness is sustained. One of the most popular and able public officers of Monroe county, Michigan, and one who has also gained a prominent position in agriculture and business, is Fred Gerick, of Scofield, justice of the peace of Exeter township, who has been repeatedly chosen by his fellow-citizens to represent them in positions of responsibility and trust. Mr. Gerick was born July 26, 1857, in French Town, Monroe county, Michigan, and is a son of John and Mary (Wagner) Gerick, natives of Germany. Mr. Gerick's parents left the Fatherland shortly after their marriage and emigrated to the United States, settling in the woods of Monroe county, where they erected a log house and barn and commenced farming, eventually succeeded in developing a valuable farm. Mrs. Gerick died on the old homestead some years ago, but her husband still survives, having reached the remarkable age of ninety-one years. They had a family of five children, of whom but three survive: Mrs. Kugler, John, a resident of the state of Washington, and Fred.

Fred Gerick received his education in the district schools of Monroe county, and was reared to the hard work of the farm, his parents inculcating in him the traits of honesty and industry. As a youth he commenced to work in the sawmill of Charles Angerer, Sr., where he remained seven years, following which he started to operate a threshing outfit. Being thrifty and industrious, he was soon able to invest in forty acres of land, and later purchased lots in Scofield, in which town he erected a handsome nine-room residence and a large and commodious barn. In addition to carrying on general farming, he is dealing in Johnson's machinery, in which he has built up a large and flourishing trade among the farmers of Monroe county. While successful in his private affairs, he has held progressive views of life and has kept well abreast of the times, being recognized as an authority upon current events. For many years he has been known as one of the wheel horses of the Republican party in Exeter township, and has held numerous important offices. In 1895 he was elected treasurer of Exeter township, and was reelected in 1896 and again in 1900. In 1902 he was again chosen for this important position, and in 1909 was chosen highway commissioner, to which office he was reelected in 1910. In 1912 Mr. Gerick became the candidate of his party for the office of justice of the peace, and the handsome majority by which he was elected testified strongly to his popularity and the general confidence in which he is held. In his official capacities, Judge Gerick has devoted himself as enthusiastically to his work as he has in his private affairs, and the result has been beneficial to the citizens of Exeter township.

In 1887, Judge Gerick was married to Miss Emma Shoemaker, who was born in Ohio. Her parents, Dr. Jacob and Rose (Goetz) Shoemaker, were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Gerick have had four children: Rose Margaret, G. William and Jesse, who live at home with their parents; and J. Walter, who is the popular clerk at Angerer & Brickner's store at Scofield.

CHARLES ANGERER, JR., of Scofield, is one of the most enterprising business men of Monroe county, where he has lived all his life and from an early age has been engaged in practical affairs.

The Michigan Stone & Supply Company of Scofield, of which he was lessee, and was one of the most extensive plants of the kind in southeastern Michigan. No better quality of stone can be found, and the company have distributed the products of the quarries over a wide territory. From thirty to fifty men are employed in the quarries and crushing plant, and eighteen cottages have been built on the grounds to accommodate the workmen and families, so that the enterprise really makes a little village by itself. Railroad side-tracks run from the main lines to the plant. Mr. Angerer also conducted a store, stocked with dry goods, groceries, etc., for supplying the employees. The capacity of the crushers is fifteen cars per day, and this crushed stone is shipped all over the state and into adjoining states.

Charles Angerer, Jr., who is a son of Honorable Charles Angerer, a prominent business man, farmer and legislator whose sketch is written on other pages, was born at the old home in this county, January 31, 1870, being the oldest of five sons. Educated in the Scofield schools, when a boy he had chosen to make his career in practical affairs, and began assisting his father in the operation of the sawmill. He later engaged in the buying, selling and shipping of lumber, and finally bought the mill from his father and established at Scofield a lumber yard, stocked with pine as well as native lumber. Through his yards and mill he did a large business, but later sold out and went into the stone business.

Mr. Angerer was married April 15, 1896, to Catherine Zeigler, a native of this county, where she was reared and educated, and a daughter of Albert Zeigler. Two children have been born to their marriage, Alma and Charles L.

One of the influential Republicans of the county, Mr. Angerer has served as supervisor of his township and has been a delegate to different conventions. He is a man of fine judgment and business integrity, has performed his duty by his family and to the public welfare, and is one of the substantial and representative citizens of Monroe county.

HON. CHARLES ANGERER. At Scofield resides one of the most influential and ablest citizens of Monroe county. Charles Angerer represents one of the old families of this county, and he has been identified with many large interests in his own community and has served his county in the state legislature. He is a popular and valuable character in the county's citizenship.

Charles Angerer was born in La Salle township of this county on the

26th of September, 1843, the same year in which President William McKinley was born. His parents settled in this part of Michigan in 1837, and were good, industrious citizens whose children have since honored their memory. Michael and Catherine (Graus) Angerer were both born in Bavaria, Germany. The father, who engaged in farming during his many years of residence in Monroe county, died at the advanced age of eighty-four. His wife Catherine passed away in 1851, leaving three children, Charles, Carrie and Maggie, the two latter being deceased. The father married again, and the three sons and five daughters by this marriage were as follows: One son who died young, Rosa, Lizzie, Christena, Mary, Matilda, Christ of Cleveland, and Andrew (deceased). The father was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran faith.

Charles Angerer was reared on the old farm, where he was taught the value of industry, and his education was obtained by attendance at the log-cabin school which stood in that neighborhood during his boyhood. Reading and observation and travel have in later years largely supplemented the training received in that primitive temple of learning. His first occupation was bridge building, chiefly railroad bridges, as an employe of the Smith bridge construction firm of Toledo. He became expert at the trade, and helped frame the first high bridge over the Raisin river through Monroe, Michigan, and worked in this line in various states, spending some time in Texas. He was foreman for his company for a time, and he could work on the highest of the bridges without a sense of fear.

From the money saved in this work, in 1878, he bought William Steiner's sawmill in Exeter township, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, moving his mill into the woods in 1883. After a number of years of successful operation he sold the plant to his son, Charles, who continued the business. He then engaged in merchandising, running a large store at Scofield, and after building up a prosperous trade in that part of the county he turned the business over to his son Henry, and from him in turn it has passed to Messrs. Henry Angerer and F. Brichner. Mr. Angerer now resides upon and manages a valuable farm estate adjoining the town of Scofield. His home is a modern and commodious residence, set in the midst of shade trees, shrubs and flowers. He has a barn, thirty-six by fifty-eight with an annex forty-two by fifty-two, two large silos for cattle feed. Each year he turns off from twenty-five to fifty fat cattle, and from his cultivated fields and meadows he reaps generous returns. His is one of the best rural estates in this part of the county.

Mr. Angerer was married at the age of twenty-six to Miss Mary Rhinehart, a member of an old and respected family of Monroe county. Her parents are now both deceased, her father, Conrad Rhinehart, having been one of the early settlers of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Angerer have been born eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Charles, Jr.; Mary; Herman, of Detroit; Rosa, at home; Lizzie, who was formerly a teacher; Professor John, superintendent of the Sandusky College, Michigan; Henry, in business at Scofield, and William, now a student in a college in Chicago.

Mr. Angerer has for many years been one of the influential Repub-



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licans in this county, has served in offices of trust in his own township, and was elected to represent the county in the state legislature in 1889. He has also been a delegate to various conventions of his party. A man of great business energy, Mr. Angerer has won a deservedly large prosperity, has provided well for his family, and has always done good service for his community and county. His family church is the Methodist.

ISRAEL E. ILGENFRITZ. Monroe county has long held high prestige as an important center of the nursery industry, and through the agency of this line of enterprise the civic and material prosperity of this favored section of the Wolverine state has been greatly conserved. Among those who have been most prominent and influential in connection with this industry in the county was the late Israel E. Ilgenfritz, who was one of the pioneers in the development of this line of business, whose operations were of broad scope and whose technical and practical knowledge made him a distinct authority in his chosen sphere of endeavor. He was a man of splendid business ability, of indomitable energy and of progressive ideas, so that he won large and definite success, the while he ordered his course upon the highest plane of integrity and honor and thus commanded impregnable vantage-place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He did much for Monroe county and its fine old metropolis and judicial center, and here his interests continued to be centered until the close of his long and useful life, his death having occurred on the 9th of April, 1895. He was one of the sterling pioneers and essentially representative citizens of the county, and it is incumbent that in this historical work there be accorded a tribute to his memory and a brief review of his career. In the nursery industry he long held precedence as one of the most influential representatives of the same in the entire Union, and in all of the relations of life he honored the city and county that long represented his home.

Israel Epley Ilgenfritz was born near Little York, in Pennsylvania, on the 13th of August, 1824, and was a scion of one of the old and honored families, of German lineage, who established a home in the Keystone state in the early colonial epoch of our national history. The original Americian progenitor immigrated from the historic old city of Strassburg, Germany, more than two centuries ago and settled in the wilderness in Pennsylvania, about three and one-half miles distant from the point where the village of Little York was later developed. This old homestead was located on the banks of the Conemaugh river and upon the death of the original owner, his eldest son inherited the same, the estate having comprised a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, besides a smaller tract in the immediate vicinity, on which latter the son built, and placed in operation, a mill and distillery. He was venerable in years at the inception of the war of the Revolution, but his eldest son, Frederick, grandfather of the subject of this memoir, enlisted as a patriot soldier in the Continental line and served throughout the great struggle for national independence. At the close of the war he returned to the old homestead, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1822. He had six sons, John, George, David, Jacob, Fred-

erick, and Daniel. John immigrated to Ohio in the opening years of the nineteenth century and settled in what is now Mahoning county, where he lived to a patriarchal age, and in that section of the Buckeye state, many of his descendants are living at the present time; George, the second son, established his home in Ohio in the year 1832, and others of the brothers likewise became residents of that state. David, however, passed the closing years of his life at Lafayette, Indiana, and Daniel was a resident of Kalamazoo county, Michigan, at the time of his death. Martin Ilgenfritz, a brother of Frederick, the Revolutionary soldier, inherited the grist mill, and the youngest brother, Samuel, who was a blacksmith by trade, passed his entire life at Little York, where he became a citizen of wealth and influence; his eldest son, William, held the office of prothonotary at Little York for a period of about twenty years. The following significant statements have been made concerning this sterling family: "The men of the Ilgenfritz family, in the olden time, were noted for their great physical strength, and both men and women were remarkable for their great independence of spirit."

Jacob Ilgenfritz, father of him to whom this memorial is dedicated, was born and reared on the old ancestral homestead in Pennsylvania, and he represented his native state as a valiant soldier in the war of 1812. In recognition of this service he received, a short time prior to his death, a government warrant for a quarter section of land. He continued to reside near Little York until about 1830, when he removed to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm near Carlisle. There he continued to be identified with the great basic industry of agriculture until the spring of 1853, when he came to Monroe, Michigan, where he passed the residue of his life and where his death occurred on the 23rd of October, 1863, his cherished and devoted wife having preceded him to the life eternal. They became the parents of six sons and six daughters, all deceased, the subject of this review having been the sixth child and second son.

Israel E. Ilgenfritz was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm, and his early educational advantages were confined to a desultory attendance in the district schools during the winter months, when his services were not in requisition in connection with the work of the home farm. In 1843, when about nineteen years of age, he went to Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in the nursery business. He initiated operations upon a modest scale and with probably slight conception of the distinctive success which he was destined to achieve in connection with this line of industrial enterprise. In 1846 he came to Monroe, Michigan, and brought with him a small stock of trees, which he planted on Monroe street, just south of St. John's Catholic church. He became greatly impressed with conditions and advantages here in evidence, and determined to establish his permanent home in Monroe county. In the spring of 1848 he purchased a half interest in the nursery of Eliab H. Reynolds, the same having been on the land adjoining St. Mary's church. It is worthy of record that most of the fine old trees and beautiful shrubbery about the present parish residence was planted by Mr. Ilgenfritz, the original nursery office of the firm having been situated on this site. After a brief interval, Mr. Reynolds disposed

of his interest in the business to Jesse Beardsley, whose identification with the enterprise did not long continue, as in the autumn of 1849, Mr. Ilgenfritz purchased his interest and became the sole owner of the Monroe Nursery. In the following spring, however, he sold a half interest to R. A. Bentley, and the enterprise was thereafter continued under the firm name of Ilgenfritz & Bentley, until about 1856, when Mr. Bentley withdrew from the firm and Mr. Ilgenfritz again became sole proprietor of the business. About the year 1863, Amon Kellogg and Daniel Ilgenfritz were admitted to partnership, each assuming a fourth interest, but Mr. Kellogg retired from the firm about one year later. Daniel Ilgenfritz continued to be associated with his brother in carrying forward the now large and flourishing enterprise until 1876, when he also retired. Thereafter the subject of this memoir conducted the business in an individual way until his sons became members of the newly organized firm, the title of which was I. E. Ilgenfritz & Sons.

When Mr. Ilgenfritz began operations in the nursery business in Monroe county the plant and facilities were of modest order, but the scope of the enterprise was soon expanded by the renting of the Edmonds farm, and by the purchase of about two hundred acres of land. In 1858 Mr. Ilgenfritz purchased what was known as the Railroad farm, of one hundred and sixty-five acres, and in 1872 he acquired title to the Clark farm, of seventy acres. The latter tract was utilized for packing grounds for a period of about one year, and it was then found expedient to secure a more central location for this department of the business. Thus were gradually accumulated, by successive purchases, the present eligible grounds adjoining the station site of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, by which the best of transportation facilities are afforded. The Monroe Nursery, under the able and effective direction of Israel E. Ilgenfritz, forged to the front as one of the largest and best equipped in the entire United States, and for many years its business has ramified throughout the most diverse sections of the country, the while the excellence and reliability of its products and the fair and honorable dealings of the concern have maintained for it a reputation that constitutes its best commercial asset. Mr. Ilgenfritz was a close student of the technical and practical phases of his chosen line of enterprise, and brought to bear the most scientific methods in the propagation of his stock in all lines. His knowledge concerning the manifold varieties and types of fruit trees and smaller fruits was incomparable, accurate, and comprehensive, so that he became a recognized authority in regard to the business which so long engrossed his attention and in connection with which he attained to such distinctive precedence and success. Since his death the business has been successfully continued by his sons, and is now operated under the title of The I. E. Ilgenfritz' Sons Company. About 1855 Mr. Ilgenfritz purchased his first home in Monroe, the same having been the now valuable property in Anderson block, No. 1, on Elm avenue, where he continued to reside for thirteen years. The old log house which stood on this lot at the time when the same came into his possession had been used as an Indian trading post in the pioneer days and was one of the landmarks of this section of the state.

As a citizen, Mr. Ilgenfritz was definitely loyal, progressive and

public-spirited, and he was ever ready to do his part in the support of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community. In politics he gave a stalwart allegiance to the Republican party, though he was reared in the Democratic faith, and the high regard in which he was held in his home community was significantly shown by his having been thrice elected to represent a strongly Democratic ward, as alderman in the city council. He was first elected to this office, from the Fourth ward, in 1875, and by re-election in 1877 he continued in service for two consecutive terms. In 1889 he was again chosen representative of this ward, which usually gave a Democratic majority of about forty votes, and on this occasion he was elected by a majority of twenty-one votes. He proved a most valuable member of the municipal body in which he thus served, and brought to bear the same careful methods and progressive ideas that had conserved his individual success in business operations. He made his life count for good in all its relations and when he was summoned from the scene of his mortal endeavors, venerable in years, he left a name unsullied and one that shall long be honored in the county to whose development and prosperity he contributed in generous measure. Mr. Ilgenfritz became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church about the year 1851, and thereafter he continued until his death, one of the veritable pillars of the church of this denomination in Monroe, his zeal and earnest devotion having been shown through his service in the offices of class-leader, steward and trustee of the church. Mrs. Ilgenfritz is still living at the advanced age of 84 years. On the 24th of December, 1846, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ilgenfritz to Miss Mary Fishburn, who was born in Hanover, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and who was a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Walters) Fishburn. The names of the children of this union are here entered in respective order of birth: Margaret Elizabeth, Harriet F., Charles A., Albert W., Theodore E., Wilbur F., Edgar C., Frank L., Mary E., Thomas L., Katherine V., and Lilla A. All of the children are living except Albert W., who died on the 2d of May, 1855, and Mary E., who passed away in January, 1901.

GEORGE J. COPPERNOLL. One of the true pioneers of Monroe county was the late George J. Coppernoll, who died at his homestead in Exeter township, April 3, 1911. Over ninety years old at his death, nearly three-quarters of a century had been passed in this county, and probably no other citizen has known so many changes and been the active participant in so much of the real progress of the county. Andrew Jackson was still president of the United States when Mr. Coppernoll, then a lad of sixteen, came into the wilderness of southeastern Michigan in 1836. He knew this region when its woods and prairies were marked only by the blazed trails, when there were no bridges, few fenced fields, hardly anything approaching the dignity of a town, and absolutely none of the modern facilities of transportation and convenience introduced during the subsequent railroad and electric ages.

George J. Coppernoll was born on the 6th of July, 1820, in Otsego county, New York, where he spent his early youth. He had only a few weeks of schooling, but was taught habits of industry and honesty and

was well equipped for the strenuous duties of pioneering. His uncle was Henry Herkimer, of the Herkimer family so well known in Monroe county, and in 1836 he came out to this part of Michigan and began working for that pioneer. Saving his wages he bought eighty acres of wild land from this uncle, and began making improvements. His days were spent in unremitting toil, and yet at night he found energy to saw most of the lumber for his first house. He later bought another forty acres with the product of his day wages, and thus got well started on a career of prosperity.

The maiden name of his first wife was Hannah Peters, and she died leaving one son, John P., who is now a factory foreman in Toledo. His second wife was Eliza A. Ross, who is still living on the old homestead in Exeter township. She is a native of Iona, Ontario, and was reared and educated there and was a teacher for some years. Her parents were Hugh and Mehitabel (Smith) Ross, both of whom died at Carleton, Ontario. There were five sons and six daughters in the Ross family, and two of the sons were soldiers in the Civil war—William G., now of Detroit, and Eupretus, now of Ypsilanti.

The late Mr. Coppernoll earned ample rewards for his labors, and his later years were spent in the comforts of one of the attractive homesteads of Exeter township. He had built a modern brick residence of nine rooms, and had his place well improved with barns and excellent facilities for farming. Politically, he was a Republican from the organization of that party, and was public-spirited as a citizen, giving his assistance to the promotion of church and education.

Mr. and Mrs. Coppernoll became the parents of four children: Melvin A. resides on the old home; Edgar G. is a resident of Toledo; Howard died at the age of twenty, leaving one son, Floyd H., of Toledo, Ohio; and Alvin H. died at the age of forty-eight, leaving two children, Belle, who lives in Detroit, and George, deceased at the age of five years. Mrs. Coppernoll and her son live on the old homestead. She is now seventy-six, but time has dealt kindly with her, and she is one of the most energetic and cheerful old ladies in the county. She is well conversant with the old times, and is an entertaining talker about people and affairs of the long ago.

REV. F. C. BEITELSPACHER. This young but ardent laborer in the great field of evangelical work has been the pastor of St. Paul's evangelical Lutheran church at Maybee, Monroe county, Michigan, since July 4, 1907, and during his pastorate the congregation has increased in numbers, has been quickened into greater fervor and zeal in its work, and has grown in influence and power in the community in which its beneficent and effective labors are performed and working out their good results.

The congregation was organized on January 4, 1860, by the Rev. F. A. Herzberger, and started with sixteen members. He served it from January 3, 1860, to March 16, 1862, and after him the succeeding pastors were as follows: Rev. W. H. Luebker, from March 16, 1862, to April 15, 1867; Rev. T. K. D. Widman, from May 27, 1867, to September

1, 1868; Rev. L. Krebs, from April 18, 1869, until his death within the same year; Rev. A. C. Bauer, pastor at Sandy Creek, from July 1, 1869, to December 1, 1879, served the congregation of St. Paul's three-fourths of a mile southeast of Maybee, at the house of Fred Hasley. During a part of this time there also had been preaching at the Stecher's school house, about two miles west of Maybee, by Rev. Robert Graetz, who was pastor from August 8, 1875, to December 5, 1879, supplying this field from Dundee. On that date the two congregations united and all members of both thereafter attended the church at Maybee. The next pastor after the uniting of the two congregations was Rev. H. Willert, who was in charge from December 1, 1879, to December 10, 1885. From October 1, 1886, to January 15, 1894, Rev. P. Born was in charge, and after him came Rev. C. Lembke, who remained from April 1, 1894 to September 30, 1894, and then resigned because of the state of his health. He was succeeded by Rev. Paul Hensge, who served the congregation from November 10, 1894, to June 2, 1898, and was followed by Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, who was in charge from August 10, 1898, to May 15, 1905, after which the church was without a regular pastor until October 1, 1905, when Rev. William Meinecke took charge. He remained until October, 1906, after which the pastorate was again vacant until Rev. Mr. Beitelspacher took charge on July 4, 1907, since which time he has been in active service in the church and has also had control of the school.

A frame church edifice was built in 1879 when both congregations united, one mile west of Maybee on the Blue Bush road, where services were held until the removal of the church to Maybee. The new church at Maybee was erected in 1907 at a cost of \$6,500. It is thirty-four by sixty feet in dimensions, and has a seating capacity of three hundred and fifty. The parsonage was built in 1896, while Rev. Paul Hensge was in charge of the congregation. It is an eight room building and is well equipped and furnished as a residence. Its market value as a dwelling is about \$1,800, and the cemetery used by the congregation cost \$150 without improvements of any sort. The church edifice is located on High street and is a fine modern structure. When the present pastor took charge of the congregation it contained forty voting members and one hundred and twenty-five communicants, representing two hundred persons in their families. At the present writing (1912) there are forty-eight voting members and one hundred and forty-eight communicants, representing two hundred and twenty-seven persons. The school is conducted in the basement of the church and has about twenty pupils in regular attendance. The church also conducts a live and progressive Sunday-school of some forty scholars and an energetic Tabitha Ladies' Aid Society.

Rev. F. C. Beitelspacher was born at Struble, Plymouth county, Iowa, not far from the county seat (LeMars) on October 11, 1886. He is the son of Charles and Mary (Eden) Beitelspacher, and the first born of their eight children. His father is a prosperous and progressive farmer, who was born, reared and partially educated in Russia. He came to the United States at the age of twenty-one, and here completed his education. For some years he lived in South Dakota, then moved to Iowa, his

present residence. Soon after his arrival in that state he was married to Miss Mary Eden on the farm on which they now reside. Her father was the first settler in that part of the country, moving there from Jones county in the far eastern part of the state, but one line of counties lying between it and the Mississippi.

Rev. Mr. Beitelspacher began his academic education in the public school near his father's residence, continued it at the parochial school in Mammen in the same part of his native county, and completed it with a college course at St. Paul, Minnesota. At the age of fourteen he was confirmed in the church, and after making due preparation for the ministry, he was ordained June 16th, 1907, in the church at his native home. His first charge as a pastor was the St. Paul's congregation at Maybee, where he has labored with great success for the past six years.

In addition to the church at Maybee, Rev. Beitelspacher serves the congregation of St. Matthews church, located five miles south of Maybee in Raisinville township. This congregation was organized on November 12, 1860, by Rev. F. A. Herzberger, who served it for two years. He was succeeded by Rev. W. H. Luebker, who had it in charge from March, 1862, to April 15, 1867, and was followed by Rev. T. K. D. Widman, who was its pastor from May 27, 1867, to September 1, 1868. Rev. L. Krebs was the next in order, serving from March 21, 1869, to May 27, 1873, and after him in regular succession came: Rev. A. Z. H. Michaels, from July 1, 1873, to December 25, 1878; Rev. Robert Graetz, from February 2, 1879, to September 21, 1879; Rev. L. Dammann, from September 21, 1879, to April 15, 1882; Rev. C. F. Seitz, from May 15, 1882, to May 21, 1889; Rev. P. Born, who supplied the pulpit from Maybee until towards the close of the year 1893; Rev. C. Lembke took charge early in 1894; he remained until late in that year and was succeeded on November 10, in the same year, by Rev. P. E. Hensge, who remained until June 2, 1898. Then came Rev. C. J. L. Benzin, who remained in charge until the present pastor assumed his duties, preaching both at Maybee and this church.

The church at St. Matthew has a parochial school attended by eighteen to twenty pupils, a flourishing Sunday school and an energetic Tabitha Ladies' Aid Society. Rev. Beitelspacher holds services in the church once every two weeks. When he became pastor the congregation numbered twenty-three voting members, seventy communicants and represented one hundred and twenty-six persons. Its roster in 1912 showed thirty voting members, with eighty-four communicants, who represented one hundred and thirty persons.

This energetic, progressive and successful young advocate of the gospel of Christianity is not doing his work alone. On June 28, 1908, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Catherine Johnson, the ceremony being performed in his native county of Plymouth, Iowa. His wife was born, reared and educated in that state, and is a daughter of Richard and Catherine (Pereboom) Johnson, formerly residents of Illinois, but for many years esteemed citizens of Iowa. Two children have been born to Rev. and Mrs. Beitelspacher, Norma and Ruth.

The parents are both zealous laborers in the interests of the work they have in charge, and both are highly esteemed in the community,

or the several communities, in which their duties are performed. The pastor is a hard worker and success in ever increasing measure is crowning his efforts.

BENJAMIN H. SOUTHWORTH. Thoroughly enterprising and progressive in his life work of farming and highly successful in it; broadly and intelligently public-spirited with reference to the public affairs of his township and county; strong in his interest in the welfare of his locality and its residents and zealous in his efforts to promote it; and withal strictly upright, honorable and square in all the relations of life, Benjamin H. Southworth, of Ash township, this county, is a fine specimen of Michigan citizenship and elevated American manhood.

His record as a farmer and a man, which would be creditable and give him standing anywhere, is all the more gratifying to the people of Monroe county because he is one of its products in every particular, and has had his career to the present time (1912) wholly among them. He was born on the old Southworth homestead in the township of his present residence on January 3, 1876, and is a son of William and Mary (Hendricks) Southworth, the former born in Seneca county, New York, in 1836, and the latter in Monroe county, Michigan in 1836.

William Southworth, the father of Benjamin H., died in this county on January 20, 1912, at the age of nearly seventy-six years. He was a son of Ezra Southworth, a native of the state of New York, of Welsh and Holland Dutch ancestry. William grew to manhood and obtained his education in his native county, and soon after he attained his majority, came to Michigan and located in Monroe county. Soon after the Civil war began he enlisted in defense of the Union in Company G, Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in which he served sixteen months. His regiment was one of the great fighting regiments of the Federal army and saw a great deal of very active field service and took part in many of the renowned battles of the war.

Mr. Southworth's military service was shortened by a serious wound which he received on July 3, 1863, at the battle of Gettysburg, and which rendered his confinement in a hospital for some time necessary and disabled him for further service. As soon as his health was sufficiently restored for him to leave the hospital he was honorably discharged from the army and returned to his home. Here, after a period devoted to further recuperation, he resumed his farming operations, and in January, 1866, was married to Miss Mary Hendricks at the old homestead of her father, William Hendricks, in this township, which he redeemed from the wilderness. He was a native of Waterloo, New York, and his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Woodruff, was also born and reared in that state. They were married there and soon afterward moved to this county among the first settlers of Ash township. Both died on the old farm, the mother at the age of fifty and the father when he was fifty-two. They had two children, their son Benjamin, who has died, and Mrs. Southworth. The parents were honored members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active part in the work of the congregation of their sect at Flatrock for many years.

William Southworth lived at Newport in this county for a number

of years, then moved to the Hendricks farm, which he cultivated for a period. When he left that farm he located on the one on which his family now lives. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Letitia, Allie, Bessie Wilmot, Ella Renton, William, Chloe and Benjamin. Allie is now the wife of Rev. Fred Smith, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Lewiston, Michigan. Before her marriage she was a successful and popular school teacher, as her youngest sister Chloe is now. William is a carpenter, and Benjamin farms the homestead.

The father was a member of Monroe Post, Grand Army of the Republic, for many years. He was also a member of the Masonic order, and in all the relations of life he was true, genuine and high-toned in his manhood, while his devotion to the public welfare of his locality made him one of the most revered and popular men among its residents. Throughout the whole of his life he performed every duty that came to him with the utmost fidelity and the full measure of his ability, and he died crowned with the high esteem of everybody who knew him.

Benjamin H. Southworth was reared to habits of industry, integrity and usefulness on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the public schools, and by judicious reading and study at home. He was employed some years by the Lake Shore Railroad, building bridges in different parts of this state, but for a number of years now has been engaged in farming. He was a good bridge builder, and he is an excellent farmer. Whatever his hand finds to do he does with all his might and ability, and a generous measure of success follows all his efforts.

On September 19, 1906, he was married to Miss Alice Donelly, who was born, reared and educated in this township, and is a daughter of Charles and Catherine (Emerson) Donelly, of Ash Township. Mr. Southworth is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Carleton, and also belongs to Ash Center Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, in Ash Township. He is now in the prime of life, a man of large physique, with broad intelligence and a rich fund of general information, genial and cordial in manner and universally and deservedly popular.

CHARLES L. VAN HOUTEN. Any man who makes a specialty of producing things of common use but of a character to give them unusual value, and succeeds in his operations to such an extent that the people around him get the benefit of his enterprise and foresight, is a public benefactor, even if comparatively few persons profit by the industry he carries on. But when the benefits of his work are shared by his whole community and an extensive scope of country outside of that, he is much more a man of service to his fellow men, his immediate locality and his state and country in general.

Charles L. Van Houten, one of the leading farmers and live stock breeders of Monroe county, whose fine grain, hay and live stock farm is located in Ash township, is a man of this kind. By his attention to stock breeding he has aided in greatly improving the stock throughout the township of his residence and a belt of country extending beyond the borders of the county for a long distance on every side; and by his progressive and advanced system of farming he has also raised the standard of that industry and increased its productions in his neighborhood through the force and effect of his stimulating example.

Mr. Van Houten is the proprietor of Oak Grove farm, which is known far and wide as one of the best grain, hay and live stock farms in this part of Michigan. He makes specialties of superior Jersey cattle, Duroc-Jersey hogs, and the necessary crops to maintain them. His farm is in section 3, in this county, and he was born and reared in that neighborhood, one-half mile southeast of his present home, and the seat of the interesting and profitable industries in which he is engaged.

His life began on June 3, 1861, and he is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lautenschlager) Van Houten, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Michigan. The father came to Michigan and Monroe county when he was but three years old, brought to this part of the country by his parents. They located here in the midst of the wilderness, as this region was then, and took up a tract of densely wooded land, on which the father built a log cabin, and which he transformed in time, by arduous and continued industry, into a well improved farm and comfortable home for himself and his family.

He had eighty acres of land, and on this his nine children were born. Seven of the nine, three sons and four daughters, are living: W. A., Charles L., Clarence, Emma, Clara, Melinda and Alice. Emma, who was an admired school teacher for a few years, is now the wife of C. W. Watson, of Carleton, Michigan. Clara is the widow of Wm. H. Port. Melinda has her home in Flatrock, Wayne county, and Alice, a successful and appreciated teacher in the city schools of Walla Walla, Washington, now of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The two children of the household who died were Cora, who passed away when she was four years old, and Albert, whose life ended when he was twenty-one. Their father is well remembered as a progressive and prosperous farmer, an active Republican in political faith and allegiance and a zealous member of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

Charles L. Van Houten was reared on his father's farm and educated in the primitive school in the neighborhood, the best the community could provide in the days of his boyhood. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-six, when he was married to Miss Mary E. Carter, of Berlin township, Monroe county, a daughter of William P. Carter, one of the prominent Englishmen who came to this county in pioneer days, and who is now deceased, and has left a record of duty well and faithfully performed and success in his occupation as a farmer wrung from the soil by his own arduous labor and good management.

Mr. Van Houten moved to the farm on which he now lives in 1910. He has made extensive and costly improvements on its embracing a fine modern residence of eight rooms built on a choice site, a large barn thirty-two by fifty-six feet in dimensions, numerous sheds for grain, stabling for his stock, a modern silo, a hog house and other buildings. He has his farm divided by good fences into fields of convenient size for farming, pasturage and other purposes, and every part of it in a highly advanced state of productiveness.

On this farm, which is one of the most extensively improved and skillfully cultivated in the township, he raises Jersey cattle and Duroc registered hogs in numbers, and has expended considerable time and money in bringing his stock up to the standard required by his exacting

taste. His herd of Jersey cattle is one of the best in Southeastern Michigan, and his hogs are all of the best quality.

Mr. Van Houten's first wife died on November 27, 1902, leaving five children: Leonard C., Adelbert L., John W., Earl F. and Ellen. On July 6, 1904, the father contracted a second marriage, which united him with Miss Eva M. Wagar, a daughter of Ananias Wagar, who died some years ago. By this union Mr. Van Houten became the father of one additional child, a son named Clarence I. In politics the father is a Republican and in religious connection a member of the Evangelical church. He is a man of strict integrity, fine social culture, genial and obliging disposition and a very companionable nature. The people of the whole county know him well and all esteem him highly and hold him in cordial regard.

CONRAD STUMPMEIR. The Model Farm in Ash township, contains some of the best land in Monroe county, and is not only one of the most valuable in the township in which it is located, but a monument to the enterprise, industry, perseverance and skill of its proprietor, Conrad Stumpmeir, who redeemed it from the waste and made it what it is. When he took hold of it he had on his hands what looked to casual observers an unpromising undertaking. But he saw further than they did, and felt sure he could make an excellent farm of the wild tract on which he had located, and this he proceeded to do in spite of the jesting and sometimes jeering remarks of his neighbors and passers by. He has demonstrated the correctness of his judgment in the matter, and the people around him now have great respect for his opinions on all subjects of general interest.

Mr. Stumpmeir was born in Monroe county, Michigan, on September 18, 1857, and is a son of John and Catherine (Seibert) Stumpmeir, natives of Germany, and reared and educated in that country. The father was born at Baden and the mother at Baden in the Fatherland. They came to the United States in early life and located in this county. There were inducements for them to remain in the eastern part of the country, but the mighty west won them with its large promise and wealth of opportunity, and they wisely decided to cast their lot in with it.

They passed the remainder of their days in this county, profitably engaged in farming, and both died here, the father at the age of seventy-four, after a residence of sixty years in this country, and the mother when she was eighty-one. They were devout and consistent members of the Lutheran church, and were guided by its teaching in their daily lives, living correctly themselves and training their children up in accordance with the same rules of action that guided them. Their offspring numbered seven, six of whom are living.

Conrad Stumpmeir grew to manhood on his father's farm and obtained his education in the public school near at hand. He began helping to clear the woodland on which the family lived and prepare it for cultivation in his boyhood, and he has never been idle since. At the age of twenty-one he was married to Miss Sophia Webber, the marriage being solemnized at Center Creek. Mrs. Stumpmeir was born, reared and educated in this county. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth

(Piester) Webber, natives of Germany, who were among the early settlers in Monroe county. Father is deceased, but mother is living, aged eighty-seven years.

Conrad Stumpmeir first located on eighty acres of his present farm. The soil was rich, but the land was swampy and overgrown with trees and undergrowth of little value. He cleared the land, tiled and drained it with judgment, and studied its requirements and possibilities in the way of cultivation. By persistent industry and intelligent handling he has made it one of the most productive farms in Monroe county. As he prospered he improved it steadily with good buildings, and now has a fine dwelling house of eleven rooms, all well furnished, one of the largest barns in the township, the original structure being thirty-six by eighty-six feet in size, and an annex recently added, being thirty-six by sixty-two. He has also built a granary twenty feet by twenty-six, a hog house twenty by thirty-six, and a chicken house eighteen by forty feet in dimensions.

"The Model Farm," which is Mr. Stumpmeir's most valuable possession, now contains one hundred and sixty acres, and in addition to this he owns one hundred and twenty acres in another well improved farm two miles east of this one. He has been offered \$150 per acre for his land, but it is not for sale, and no offer is considered. On these two tracts of land he is extensively engaged in general farming and raising live stock on a large scale, making specialties of horses, cattle and hogs, and raising and feeding them in large numbers. He also carries on an extensive business in raising chickens for the markets as well as for his own use, and gives every department and feature of his industries intelligent and careful attention, making them all pay good returns for his labor and the expert knowledge he applies to them.

Mr. Stumpmeir and his wife have had seven children, six of whom are living: Anna Wallace, William, Henry, Rose, Mary and Edwin. Henry lives on and cultivates the farm two miles east of his father's home. Rose is the wife of Wm. Fox, and they have their home in this township. The rest of the children are living at home with their parents. A daughter named Emma died when she was eleven years old.

The father of this family is a firm and faithful member of the Republican party in politics, and also belongs to and takes an active part in the Ash Center Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran church, which the children of the household also attend. They are all liberal supporters of church interests generally and of all other good and worthy agencies working for the benefit of the community. The father is in the prime of life, genial, frank and sincere by nature, upright and straightforward in all his dealings, and is universally esteemed in all parts of Monroe county and those which adjoin it.

ALEXANDER TODD. An excellent farmer, a broadly and zealously progressive citizen, a valued public official who has made his mark on the public institutions, utilities and general improvements in his township, and a good all round man from every point of view, Alexander Todd, the present (1912) highway commissioner of Ash township, Monroe

county, is devoting his life and energies to the welfare of the residents of his township and county in a manner that tells greatly to their advantage and his own credit.

Mr. Todd is serving his second term in the office he holds, and the duties of which he is performing with such general acceptability. He has charge of the maintenance of about ninety miles of roads, and everything appertaining to them. These roads he has kept in prime order during his tenure of the office of highway commissioner, and has also built two iron bridges, which the people of this and other townships find vastly convenient for their use, and for the enterprise displayed in their erection, they hold Mr. Todd in very high approval. But they knew what he was when they elected him to his present post. He had previously served them well and wisely as overseer of the township, and they were wise to his ability and good judgment as a township official.

Mr. Todd is a native of this township and has passed the whole of his life to this time in it, and as a participant in its welfare and contributor to its progress and improvement from his youth. He was born and reared on the old family homestead, where his life began on November 22, 1870. His parents, Nathan and Elizabeth (Jones) Todd, were early settlers, locating in this county while yet the wild denizens of the forest, man and beast, still roamed at will in the region and the trail blazed by the red man was in many cases the only pathway in the wilderness.

Mr. Todd's parents were noted for their honesty, industry and generous frontier hospitality, and the theories and practices which governed their daily lives were instilled into their children by patient teaching and admonition, and best of all, by the force of consistent example. In founding a new home for his offspring in the western wilds, Nathan Todd followed the example of his father, who located in Columbiana county, Ohio, when that region was but little beyond the dawn of its settlement and civilization. There his son Nathan was born and reared, and there he obtained what education the subscription schools of his boyhood could give him.

In 1860 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Jones, also a native of Ohio, and in 18— they came to Monroe county, Michigan, with the children they then had and took up their residence on a fine tract of unimproved land. By industry and thrift they converted their wild domain into a well improved and highly productive farm, and on this they reared their family of seven children, four of whom are living: John W., who resides at New Boston, Wayne county; Mary, the wife of Daniel Cronenwett, who has her home in this township; Alexander, the immediate subject of this brief memoir; and Emily G., who is the wife of Howard McLaughlin, and a resident of Ash township; Benjamin died at the age of twenty-three; Minerva (Mrs. Ervin Barnum) at the age of thirty-nine, and Jane (Mrs. Frank Harwood) at the age of fifty-nine. The father died on May 31, 1912. He was a farmer all his life, and from the dawn of his manhood to the end of his days gave his allegiance and service to the Democratic party in political affairs.

Alexander Todd was reared on the old family homestead in this town-

ship, educated in the country school near his home, and trained to habits of strict honesty, zealous industry and alert progressiveness, as has been stated above. He learned the ins and outs of mercantile life by practical experience. For ten years after his marriage he lived on the home farm and cultivated it for his father. In 1907 he bought the fine farm of fifty acres which he now owns, lives on and cultivates, and which he has improved with a modern dwelling house and other good buildings, and made one of the best farms in the township of its size. The land is rich, and he knows how to handle it to get its best yield. It is located in one of the best farming regions in the county, half way between Carleton and Rockwood, and is known throughout the locality as "The Midway Farm."

Mr. Todd has given his land every facility for doing its best in the way of productiveness, and it is responding to his enterprise with a generosity altogether unusual. He tilled all of it that was wet at times, and on every acre he has bestowed study and care to meet the requirements of the soil and secure the largest return for his labor. His dwelling contains nine rooms and is conveniently arranged, well furnished and built and kept in order in a manner that shows refinement and good taste. He has also built commodious barns and sheds for housing his live stock and crops, and put up new fences all over the place.

On May 1, 1895, Mr. Todd was married to Miss Minnie Walz, an intelligent lady of good family, and she has been a true helpmate to him. She was born, reared and educated in Detroit, and is a daughter of John Jacob and Julia (Cronenwett) Walz, natives of Germany who came to this country and located in Detroit at early ages. The mother died in that city at the age of fifty-four and the father when he was seventy-three. He was a baker by trade, a Protestant in religion, and a good man in every relation of life. He and his wife became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living: Lena (Mrs. Roehrig); Charles; Minnie (Mrs. Todd); William; Mary M.; George and Lillie. Of the two who are deceased one died in infancy and a daughter named Matilda, passed away at the age of twenty-seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd have one child, their son Harold, who is now (1912) ten years old and in the fifth grade of the public schools. In his political faith and allegiance Mr. Todd is a firm and faithful member of the Democratic party. He is progressive and enterprising in regard to public improvements of all kinds, wise in counsel concerning them and energetic in action in promoting them. In all the duties and claims of citizenship he walks uprightly, stands firm in fidelity, and is always active to the limit of the requirements. The people of his township honor him as one of their best and most representative men, and he is altogether worthy of their highest respect and regard.

AUSTIN B. CHAPMAN. It is not possible for every son of a prominent and successful father to attain distinction along the same lines, but in the case of Austin B. Chapman, of Rockwood, Michigan, it appears as though his father's mantle had fallen upon his shoulders. The elder man belonged to that class of early settlers which made possible the wonderful development of Monroe county from a wild and unproductive

wilderness into one of the garden spots of the state, and the son has shown himself possessed of the qualities of mind and spirit that made his father so successful. Austin B. Chapman was born on his father's old homestead farm in Berlin township, Monroe county, Michigan, in November, 1851, and is a son of Austin B. and Catherine (Burton) Chapman.

The ancestors of Austin B. Chapman on the paternal side were early settlers of the New England States, whence they came a number of years prior to the Revolutionary war, while on the maternal side he is descended from early residents of the Empire State, and his great-great-grandfather was held prisoner by the Indians for a time until he was able to make his escape. Joseph Foster, the paternal grandfather of Austin B. Chapman, removed from Vermont to Wayne county, Ohio, about 1833 and settled at Sandusky, where he spent two years. Subsequently he came to Gibraltar, Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death being caused by drowning while he was bathing in the Detroit river there. He had three sons: Austin B., David and Hiram.

Austin B. Chapman was born at Barnstable, Vermont, in 1824, and came to what is now the woods of Berlin township about 1835, later buying government land and clearing a small space for a log cabin, in addition to which he built the first road through the woods, which is known to this day as Chapman's Road, and was at one time one of the best highways in the county. At this time he decided to settle down in a home of his own, and accordingly asked for the hand of Miss Catherine Burton, a young woman of sixteen years. Her father, however, strongly objected to the union, considering his daughter too young, and an elopement was eventually decided upon and carried through in a romantic manner, the young lady escaping from her bedroom window after night-fall, joining her sweetheart, and then rowing across the river, to a spot where Mr. Chapman had tethered their ponies. Mounting, they hastily rode five miles to the home of Justice of the Peace Arzeno, who made them man and wife, and they returned to receive the parental forgiveness and blessing. They at once commenced housekeeping in the little log cabin, which still stands as one of this township's landmarks, on section 28. After improving his sixty acres of land, Mr. Chapman secured eighty acres more in exchange for a pony and a coat, from an eastern man who was compelled to dispose of his land before returning to his former home. In 1876 the original log house was supplanted by a modern brick residence, which cost \$8,000 and was the finest residence in the county at that time. At the time of his death the eighty acres which he had secured so cheaply were worth in the neighborhood of about \$16,000. Throughout his life Mr. Chapman was a hard and industrious worker, giving his attention to any honorable transaction which gave promise of proving profitable. Among other contracts he did a great deal of fencing for the Lake Shore Railroad, and during a whole season boarded a gang of fifty railroad men. His capital was invested principally in land, and at the time of his death he owned 600 acres of Monroe county soil, most of which was improved. Both he and his wife were active in church work, first belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church, of Flat Rock,

while Mr. Chapman subsequently joined the Congregational congregation, and built the first church of the denomination at Flat Rock, in addition to which he erected the Chapman schoolhouse. A man of strong physique, weighing 200 pounds, and standing six feet, two inches, he was noted for his strength, but never took advantage of those weaker than he, respecting the rights of others in personal matters just as he did in affairs of a business nature. He was originally a Democrat, but at the time of Abraham Lincoln's nomination, cast his vote for the martyred president, and ever after voted the Republican ticket. He served his township as justice of the peace for sixteen years, and made a record in his official capacity that would serve as a guide to those who desire the respect and esteem of their fellow-citizens. His death occurred in 1903, his wife having passed away some time before at the age of sixty-four years. She was a courageous pioneer woman, cheerfully and faithfully doing her share in the development of the section, and carefully rearing her children to habits of industry and honesty. Known throughout the township for her many lovable qualities of mind and heart, her death was sincerely mourned, not only by her immediate family and friends, but by all who had been influenced by her wholesome Christian life. She and her husband had a family of four children, as follows: Cornelius, who died at the age of eight years; Austin B., Jr.; Washington, whose death occurred when he was sixteen years of age; and H. H., of Ypsilanti, Michigan, who also owns a finely cultivated tract of land in Berlin township.

Austin B. Chapman, Jr., was rocked to sleep in the sugar-trough cradle of pioneer times, and early in life began to assist his father in cultivating the old home place. He was granted somewhat better educational advantages than fell to most of the youths of his day and vicinity, attending the public schools of Berlin township and the Monroe Normal School, and by the time he was sixteen years of age he was established as a school teacher, although he continued his studies at night, being ambitious and industrious, and desirous of obtaining the best training possible. When he was only nineteen years of age, he was married to Mary Van Riper, a young woman of refinement and good family, who was born, reared and educated in Monroe county, and was a daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Chase) Van Riper, descendants of Pennsylvania Dutch settlers. They are both deceased. Mrs. Chapman's brother, Henry C., served during the Civil war; another, W. H., is a resident of Holly, Michigan, being a railroad man; and her sister, Eva, married a Mr. Cox. After his marriage, Mr. Chapman located at Brownstown, but soon returned to Berlin township, where he was for forty years engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1911 he organized the Rockwood State Bank, with a capital of \$20,000, and he is still president of this institution, his associates in the venture being David Valsance, W. M. Milliman, first and second vice presidents, and Harley A. Wagar, cashier. This is considered one of the absolutely reliable and substantial banking houses of Monroe county, and its officers are recognized as sterling business men of unquestioned integrity.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have had five children, namely: Cornelia C., wife of Dr. Barnaby; D. L., who lives on the old homestead originally

settled by his grandfather; Almond B., who resides on the farm which his father cultivated for thirty years; Mabel M., wife of Dr. Cooper, of Carleton, Michigan; and Hazel, wife of H. A. Wagar, cashier of the Rockwood State Bank. The sons are both farmers in Monroe county, where they own land and raise stock, and both are married.

Mr. Chapinan has formerly been a staunch supporter of Republican principles and candidates, but now is a member of the Progressive party and its candidate for Judge of Probate court, but outside of acting as delegate to numerous conventions, he has not taken other than a good citizen's interest in matters of a public nature. Fraternally, he is connected with the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, which they support liberally, and both are well known in Rockwood's church and social circles.

CHARLES ALVERSON BERRY. The beautiful and commendable custom of giving choice farm names to identify them and distinguish them from others obtains to a considerable extent in Monroe county, and the names seem to be chosen with good taste and judgment. One of the best and most fitly named is Locust Grove Farm in section fourteen, Ash township, owned and cultivated by Charles A. Berry, as it was by his father before him. For its richness of soil, intelligent and progressive cultivation and the character and value of its improvements it is worthy of special notice, as is its proprietor for the enterprise and vigor with which he manages all the operations connected with it, and his general excellence as a man and citizen.

This farm has been in the Berry family for many years. Its present owner was but three years old when his residence on it began, and he has never since lived anywhere else. His life began at Belleville, Wayne county, Michigan, on October 14, 1869, and he is a son of J. W. and Jane (Tyler) Berry, natives of this state also. The father was born in Detroit in 1836, seventy-six years ago, a son of Louis Berry, who came from Germany and located in Detroit in early days. J. W. Berry and his wife were among the early settlers and pioneers of the township in which their son, Charles A., the youngest and only of their children, now lives, and in which his mother died in 1895 at the age of sixty-two years.

Charles A. Berry grew to manhood on the farm he now occupies and was educated in the country school in the neighborhood and the harsher but more thorough school of experience. He assisted his father on the farm from his boyhood, and gave special attention to the care of horses from the time when he was fifteen years old, acquiring in this service a considerable fund of accurate and practical knowledge of horses, how to care for them properly and treat their ailments intelligently. This knowledge he has subsequently enlarged by systematic reading, study and observation, until he has become thoroughly grounded in the theory and practice of veterinary surgery, and is regarded as an authority on all subjects connected with it. His services are in great demand as a veterinary surgeon, and are always cheerfully and judiciously given, and with good results.

Mr. Berry has prepared himself for this kind of professional work in the improvement and equipment of his farm, too, having ample and well

provided stables for horses and cattle, his own and those of his patrons, and all the appliances for his work in this line his experience has shown him the need of. His farm is also improved with a modern dwelling house of nine rooms, all well furnished, large hay and grain sheds, a general dairy house 18 by 22 feet in size, a good fuel house and other structures serviceable in use and convenient in location and construction.

One of the special attractions and ornaments of his farm is a beautiful and thrifty grove of locust trees from which the place derives its name. This, with the ample and well constructed buildings, the conveniently sized and well tilled fields, the good fences and other evidence of thrift and prosperity, add vastly to the value of the farm and make it one of the most pleasing and desirable country homes in the county.

In his farming operations Mr. Berry is very enterprising, progressive and successful. In his work as a veterinary surgeon he is also very successful and enjoys a high and widespread reputation. And in his devotion to the welfare of his township and county and their residents, and the general interests of his locality in the way of further development and improvement he is thoroughly wide awake, alert and energetic. He is also warmly interested in the fraternal life of the community as a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and its useful adjunct, the Order of the Daughters of Rebekah, to which his wife also belongs. These manifestations of his worth and usefulness have won for him the high regard of all classes of the people, and his jovial and generous disposition have given him wide and enduring popularity in all parts of this county and those which border on it.

On March 18, 1891, when he was twenty-two years old, Mr. Berry was joined in wedlock with Miss Jennie E. Erving, a young lady of broad intelligence, good family and high ideals of life. She was born and reared in Wayne county, this state, and is a daughter of the late Henry Erving, of that county. Her father was a gallant soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and a valued citizen of his county at all times. His death was widely lamented, and the example of elevated manhood and useful citizenship he gave the people around him has been and still is a stimulus for good in the community of his residence while he lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry have three children, their daughter, Ora Lauretta, their son, Benjamin Alverson and their other daughter, Bessie Olivia, all of whom are still under the shelter of the parental roof-tree, and potential factors in the attractiveness of the family circle and the popularity of the home as a resort for the numerous friends of all who live in it.

Mr. Berry traces his lineage to the German, since his grandfather's name was Louis Beahr, who came from Germany. The grandfather was a soldier under command of General Custer at the battle of the Little Big Horn, and the name of "Beahr" was changed to the English name of "Berry" by the grandfather, Louis Beahr.

EDWARD M. WHIPPLE. Orphaned at the age of five years by the death of his father in the battle of the Wilderness in the Civil war, and forced by the circumstances of the family to begin the struggle for ad-

vancement among men on his own account at an early age; dependent always wholly on his own exertions and resources for his progress up the rugged road to independence in a worldly way and a good position in the regard of his fellow men; confronted by obstacles and reverses many times in his course, yet winning his way steadily through every difficulty until he reached his present condition of substantial prosperity and comfort and public esteem, Edward Whipple, one of the leading farmers and citizens of Ash township, is well entitled to the general approval his course has won for him and all the prosperity he enjoys, for he has earned it all by genuine merit.

He is a native of this township and his successes have all been won here. They are therefore all the more gratifying to the people around him, for they indicate the character of the sturdy citizenship of the township and typify the best elements of its sterling manhood. Mr. Whipple's life began on his father's farm in this township on June 28, 1859, and he is a son of Irvin Rufus and Sarah (Rubert) Whipple, natives of the state of New York. The father was reared on a farm in his native state, and was educated and married in that state, but soon after his marriage moved to Michigan and located in Monroe county, Ash township.

He was ardently attached to the Union, and not long after the beginning of the Civil war enlisted in its defence in the twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was soon at the front and in the midst of hostilities, and with it he took part in several of the historic battles of our great sectional strife, finally laying his life on the altar of his country in patriotic sacrifice to its needs. He was wounded so seriously at the battle of the Wilderness in May, 1864, that one of his legs had to be amputated in the hospital on the field, and he died from the loss of blood in a hemorrhage which followed the amputation.

The survivors of his household at the time consisted of his widow and their five children. Frank died at the age of fifty and Emory at that of fifteen years. The two living besides Edward are his brothers Andrew and Rufus. Andrew is a resident of Ash township, Monroe county, as Edward is, and Rufus has his home at Flatrock in Wayne county. The mother died when she was past eighty-three years old. After the death of her husband her life was full of trial and hardship for a number of years, but she met the requirements of her lot with a serene and lofty spirit, performed its duties with fidelity, endured its privations with fortitude, and gave her family a noble example of elevated and most worthy American womanhood while rearing it in the practice of the virtues that characterized her and formed the daily habits of her life.

Edward Whipple was reared on the old family homestead and educated in the country school in the neighborhood. He began farming as soon as he left school, and followed this occupation for a number of years for the benefit of his mother on the home farm. He purchased and moved to the farm he now occupies in 1897. The improvements on it when he took possession of it were not of much value, and he has replaced them with others much more modern, substantial and valuable. His dwelling house is an attractive structure of seven rooms, all well and comfortably furnished, and he has also put up large barns, granaries,

sheds, and good fences, tiled and drained his land and put it all in first rate condition for bountiful productiveness. The farm contains sixty acres of as good land as can be found in the township, is well adapted to cereals and grass, and is in the center of a fine farming region. He is wise to the character of its soil and knows just how to handle it to secure the best returns for the labor and care bestowed upon it in its cultivation.

Mr. Whipple was married on December 29, 1897, to Miss Jessie Pierson, a young lady of good family, superior intelligence and high social culture. She was a teacher in the Flatrock High School for three years prior to her marriage and enjoyed great popularity as an instructor. She was born, reared and educated in Wayne county, the daughter of Benjamin W. and Delia (Kittle) Pierson, New Yorkers by nativity, the father born in New York and the mother at Mount Morris, Livingston county, in that state. Mrs. Whipple's maternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and her father served three years in the Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry in the Union army during the Civil war. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic order, and at his death at Flatrock, when he was forty-nine years old, left his widow and his two children, Jesse and Mrs. Mary Fisher, of Wayne county, to mourn their bereavement. The widow is still living and is now seventy-six years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Whipple have two children, their sons Pierson E., who is now (1912) fourteen years old, and Benjamin F., who is ten. Maple Grove farm, their beautiful country residence, is one of the most attractive in the township, and a favorite resort of the numerous admiring friends of the family. Mr. Whipple has been a member of the school board for ten years, and has shown his interest in the welfare of his township in many other ways. He and his wife are among its most esteemed residents and richly deserve the high and universal regard in which they are held.

JAMES F. BARRY. Renowned in his young manhood as a mighty Nimrod, hunting with great success large and small game, buffalo, deer, wild turkeys, ducks and pigeons, and still retaining his cunning and skill in this line of sport; highly successful and prosperous as a farmer of enterprise and advanced ideas; with a clean and commendable record as a public official to his credit, and a leader in the public affairs of his township and county in politics and in connection with material advancement and improvement, the interesting subject of this brief review is a strong factor in the citizenship of his locality and one of its most representative and useful men.

Mr. Barry resides on a farm of ninety acres in Ash township, Monroe county, which he owns and which he has made one of the best in this part of the county. Although not a native of Monroe county, he has lived in it for a continuous period of twenty-seven years, and is therefore in full sympathy with the aspirations and desires of its people and ardently devoted to its and their welfare in every way. This he has shown by his earnest, active and intelligent support of every worthy undertaking for the promotion of the general weal of this part of the state, and his serviceable devotion to each and all of its interests, and

the people of the region esteem him in full accordance with the genuine merit he has displayed.

Mr. Barry's life began in Van Buren township, Wayne county, Michigan, on April 14, 1848. His parents were James and Leah (Post) Barry, the former born near the city of Rochester, New York, and the latter a native of New Jersey and descended from an old family long established in that state. The father came to Wayne county, this state, at an early day in its settlement and located in the woods. There he carved out and improved a fine farm, on which he died in September, 1847, and the mother passed away in December, 1879, aged fifty-four years.

Their son, James F. Barry, was reared to habits of industry, honesty and frugality on the old family homestead, and educated in the public school in the neighborhood and by judicious study and reading at home. In the days of his youth and young manhood he won wide local renown as a hunter. Wild pigeons, ducks, turkeys and deer were abundant, and thousands of trophies of the chase fell before his unerring rifle. At the age of twenty-two he went to Sedgwick county, Kansas, near where the city of Wichita now stands, but at that time on the frontier, and took up a government claim of one hundred and sixty acres on which he lived about one year.

He went on a Buffalo hunt in 1872 and killed seven of the mighty roamers of the plains which were so numerous in the early days of our history that the sound of their hoofs on the ground when moving in droves was frequently like that of a continuous roll of thunder. After a residence of about thirteen months in Kansas he sold his land claim and went to the gulf region of Texas, where he worked for the American Bridge company eighteen months in different places in the state. He then returned to Wayne county, Michigan, located in his native township of Van Buren and followed farming there until 1885, when he moved to this county and the township in which he now lives, and has lived ever since that year.

Soon after his arrival in this county he bought the farm which he now owns and cultivates, and which his skill and industry as a farmer have made one of the best in the township of its location. He has erected on it a commodious and attractive dwelling house of nine rooms, all of which he has furnished comfortably and tastefully, and large barns, sheds and other outbuildings. The farm is judiciously divided into fields with good fences put up by Mr. Barry, and he cultivates it with excellent judgment, wisely rotating his crops, and using all his intelligence as a farmer to secure the best possible returns for his labor. He has the whole farm well tilled and drained, leaving no waste land, and making every acre yield its full tribute to his persuasive and commanding hand as a husbandman.

In political relations Mr. Barry is a pronounced and loyal member of the Democratic party and one of its wheel horses in Monroe county. He is always an active, energetic and effective worker for its success, and stands high in the regard of both its leaders and its rank and file as a wise counselor. He served as a justice of the peace three years and as township supervisor four, filling both offices ably and with great

acceptability. Fraternally he was connected with the Order of Odd Fellows and took great interest in the work of his Lodge in the fraternity.

In 1874, moved by the recollections of former triumphs with his gun, he spent some weeks hunting big game in Minnesota, and was successful in his trip. During the last ten years he has shot over one thousand ducks, and in the old days he brought down blue passenger pigeons, a species now extinct, in numbers of many thousands. Since 1874 his hunting has been only occasional, but he has found in every attempt at it that his skill remains with him, and his eye is as clear and his aim as true as ever.

Mr. Barry was married in Wayne county on July 10, 1881, to Miss Isabella Strong, a daughter of William and Alvira (Jackson) Strong. The father was a Union soldier in the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. Of the five children born in his household, three daughters and one son are living. Mr. and Mrs. Barry have three children. Their son, Grove, is a soldier in the Marine service. Their daughter Leah Frances is the wife of William Gretzler, and they live in Berlin township, Monroe county. James H., the other son, who is now (1912) nineteen years old, resides with his parents on the family homestead. All the members of the family are highly esteemed, and all are worthy the regard the people have for them.

EZRA L. LOCKWOOD. Measured by its beneficence, its rectitude, its productiveness, its altruism and its material success, the life of the late Ezra L. Lockwood counted for much, and in this history of Monroe county, where he maintained his home for more than half a century and to the progress and prosperity of which he contributed in large and generous measure, it is most consonant that there be incorporated a review of his career and a tribute to his memory. Few citizens of Monroe county have done more to further its industrial and civic development than did this honored pioneer, and he had the ability and courage to take the initiative in enterprises that have proved of incalculable value to the county and its people. He gave to such work the best of an essentially strong, noble and loyal nature; his life course was guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor; and his resourcefulness and constructive ability, as combined with fine intellectual powers, made him well qualified for leadership in thought and action. Within the compass of a sketch of this order it is impossible to enter into manifold details concerning his many services in connection with the civic and industrial development of Monroe county, but even the brief data here given, can not fail to reveal in a measure the man and his achievement. Further interest attaches to his career by reason of the fact that he was in the most significant sense the artificer of his own fortunes and that he made of success not an accident but a logical result.

A scion of the stanchest of England colonial stock, Ezra L. Lockwood was a representative of families that were founded in New England in the early colonial days, the original American progenitors in both the paternal and maternal lines having come from England and settled

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in Connecticut about the middle of the seventeenth century. Mr. Lockwood was born at Watertown, Litchfield county, Connecticut, on the 11th of May, 1830, and was a son of Jacob and Maria (Scovill) Lockwood, both of whom were likewise natives of that historical old commonwealth. The old Lockwood homestead in Watertown has never passed out of the possession of the family within the long period of fully two centuries and is now owned by one of the name. When the subject of this memoir was a mere boy, his parents removed to the state of Delaware, and there his mother died when he was but thirteen years of age, his father having survived her by many years, being a resident of Elgin, Illinois, at the time of his death. After the death of his mother, Mr. Lockwood returned to the old home in Watertown, Connecticut, where he lived for a time with kinsfolk, but he soon became virtually dependent upon his own resources. He started the battle of life when scarcely more than a lad and with but limited education. His alert mental powers, his physical vigor and his determined ambition proved effective in coping with conditions at that period of his life, even as in later years of large and definite achievement, and it may further be stated that through self-discipline and long and active association with men and affairs he acquired the equivalent of a liberal education.

After severing the ties that bound him to the ancestral home, Mr. Lockwood went to the city of Philadelphia, where he remained about three years and where he found employment at the baker's trade. Upon coming to the west he passed an interval in the state of Illinois, and in 1849 he established his home in Monroe county, Michigan. He was at the time a youth of about nineteen years and he secured employment in Dundee township. From that time until his death Monroe county was his home save for an interim of about two years—1853-5—passed in the state of Illinois. In 1855 he became associated with Morgan Parker in the purchase of the waterpower and saw mill and handle mill at Petersburg, and they continued to operate the mills until 1861, when the partnership was dissolved. That this venture had not proved an overweening success is evident when it is stated that after the business was closed up, Mr. Lockwood found his capitalistic resources again represented almost entirely in his personal energy, ambition and determined purpose. In 1861 he purchased eighty acres of land in section 27 Summerfield township, and his initial payment for the property was but forty dollars. He had assumed connubial responsibilities about two years previously, and no slight courage was that manifested by the young couple when they established their home in the midst of a virtual wilderness and where there was an emphatic negation of the environment implied in the phrase, "where every prospect pleases." Mr. Lockwood cleared with his own hands a little plot in which he erected his primitive dwelling, and in the midst of the untrammelled forest he and his young wife installed their Lares and Penates in this dwelling, after which he set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming his land to cultivation. Concerning this period in the career of Mr. Lockwood, the following statements have been written and are worthy of perpetuation: "At this time they had no neighbors within a radius of two miles. The land in the vicinity was a very strong soil but was so wet and so far removed

from a natural drainage outlet, that by many it was considered worthless. The land was wild and undrained and was covered with water the greater part of each year. Mr. Lockwood went into the forest and swamp and forthwith devised a plan for draining, making roads and effecting the reclamation of thousands of acres of land now unexcelled in development and fertility. His first purchase of eighty acres proved the nucleus of the large landed estate which he eventually accumulated through his energy and well ordered endeavors, his holdings in 1875 having been somewhat more than three thousand acres. By hard work, indomitable courage and unfaltering determination, Ezra L. Lockwood was the prime force in effecting the reclamation of a vast tract of land, principally in Summerfield township. In the early days he met with strong opposition to his progressive movements and was for a long period virtually alone in the battle with natural obstacles to be overcome in making the wonderful transformation. To him more than to any other man in Summerfield township is this township, as well as a large part of the surrounding country, indebted for the comprehensive drainage system that had developed swamps into most beautiful and productive tracts. Only those who have witnessed the transformation can fully realize the great and beneficent work accomplished through the energy, ability and determination of this one man. In the face of strong and even bitter opposition he succeeded in having constructed, one after another, the great drains which were needed to put these lands into proper condition for effective cultivation, and one of these drains, which bears his name, traverses the county from its western border to an outlet in Lake Erie, the drain being at various points thirteen feet in depth and forty feet in width. At the time of his death Mr. Lockwood retained a fine landed estate of nearly nine hundred acres, and upon his original little homestead he continued to reside until 1906, when he retired from active labors and removed to the attractive residence which he had erected in the village of Petersburg, where his widow still maintains her home."

Not alone in this one constructive line of enterprise did Mr. Lockwood make his influence potent for good, for he was also alert and liberal in the promotion of all enterprises and measures which tended to conserve the social and material progress and prosperity of his home county. Upon his own estate he made the best of permanent improvements and he developed its agricultural resources to the highest degree, besides which he was for several years prior to his death the most extensive breeder of high-grade cattle in the county, having maintained on his farm a herd of two hundred head, including a dairy of eighty cows. He also was a successful breeder of horses and swine, and he did much to improve the grades of live stock in this section of the state. His vital energy and his progressiveness knew no bounds, and his enthusiasm was contagious in many benignant ways. In all things he maintained high ideals, and thus it may well be understood that his life counted for much in the county that represented his home for nearly sixty years. From an appreciative estimate published in the *Monroe Record-Commercial*, at the time of his death, are taken the following extracts, in which slight paraphrase is made:

"In addition to the work which his hands have done, Ezra L. Lockwood has always been active in all efforts for general improvement and in the promotion of social, educational and religious interests. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity for more than half a century and was a member and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal church. For many years he gave his best efforts to the furtherance of the work and interests of various organizations of the farmers of the county and state. While he had little opportunity to attend school in his youth, he was, during his whole life, a very constant and intelligent reader of the best literature, and his mind was well stored with information. He was a very entertaining conversationalist and a fluent and pleasing public speaker. Until the last year of his life he was a very active and vigorous man. Obstacles only spurred him to greater efforts for the accomplishment of his purpose. For a little more than a year his health and strength gradually failed, and finally, from general physical exhaustion, he fell asleep, at three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 24, 1909, at the age of seventy-eight years and eight months. For several months he had frequently spoken of the inevitable change which he fully appreciated and knew was coming, and expressed a willingness and later a desire to go. His mind was clear to the last; he raised his hands to his devoted wife and murmured 'Going' and then passed away peacefully and gently. His was a long life, filled with work, hope, happiness and success. His children were all liberally educated and their lives have been and will continue to be a fitting monument to an indulgent and loving father."

Though he never manifested the slightest predilection for the honors or emoluments of public office, Mr. Lockwood accorded a staunch allegiance to the Republican party during the first twenty-five years of that party's existence and during later years was an independent voter. He was admirably reinforced in his opinions concerning economic and governmental policies. During the later years of his life both he and his wife were specially active in the affairs of the various farmers' clubs, institutes and conventions of their home county and state, and both gave most helpful and entertaining addresses before the assemblages of the farmers of the county and state. Concerning the Masonic affiliation of Mr. Lockwood it may be further stated that for fifty years he was a valued and honored member of the lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in the village of Petersburg, and for even a longer period he was a zealous and liberal member of the Methodist Episcopal church of that place, his widow also having long been one of the most active members and devoted workers in that church.

Concerning the ideal domestic relations of the honored subject of this memoir there can be no desire to present more than the exoteric features, for further indulgence would be an invasion of the sacred associations in which his noble and gentle nature found its apotheosis. On the 29th of December, 1859, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Jennie Hall, who was born at Bristol, Addison county, Vermont, on the 23d of September, 1838, and who is a daughter of Wheelock H. and Eliza (Simonds) Hall, her ancestors for eight generations having lived in Vermont and Connecticut. Mrs. Lockwood was fourteen years of

age at the time of her parents' removal to Monroe county, Michigan, and the family home was established at Dundee, Michigan, the parents continuing to reside in this county until their death. Mrs. Lockwood was afforded excellent educational advantages and after a course in the Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti, she was a successful and popular teacher in the public schools until the time of her marriage. She has been specially active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church and also in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with which she has been identified from the time of its organization. She has served as president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Petersburg and also as president of the organizations of her home county and district, the while she has attended the greater number of the national conventions of this noble body. She has also been prominent in the work of the farmers' organizations, as has already been noted in this review.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood became the parents of five children, all of whom attained to years of maturity and all of whom are living except the youngest, Lamont Hall, who died on the 27th of December, 1903, and Willard Ezra, who died in March, 1910. Harry Albert, who is now engaged in the practice of law in the City of Detroit, is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Mary Frances was for several years a valued teacher in the Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti. In 1891 she married Frank E. Millis, Ph. D. (Cornell), who died at Washington, D. C., August 2, 1903. Mrs. Millis with her four children resides in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Gertrude J., after graduation from the Michigan Normal School in 1882, was a teacher in high schools at Dundee, Sault Ste. Marie, and Jackson. She married Edwin D. Johnson, a lumberman, in 1889. They now reside in Chicago, Illinois, and have one daughter, Helen, a student in Wellesley College. Willard Ezra was a farmer of Summerfield township to the time of his death. Mrs. Lockwood still resides in Petersburg, and despite her years, is active and efficient, retaining a lively interest in all movements for the betterment of life in general and especially the life of the community of which she has been so long a member.

BERT S. BAKER. Located on a fine farm of sufficient size and variety in productions to give scope and occupation for all his energy and engage his utmost intelligence and care; yet looking ever to the welfare of his township and county, and striving to promote that with as much zeal and foresight as he applies to his own affairs; young as yet in years, but with an excellent record for enterprise, progress and success in his undertakings to his credit, and still on the move for broader achievements and more pronounced success, Bert Baker, of Ash township, this county, dignifies and adorns the citizenship of his locality and is already regarded as one of its leading and most representative men.

Mr. Baker was born and reared in the township of his present residence, where his life began on April 13, 1881. He is a son of Edward R. and Iva E. (Craft) Baker, the father also a native of Monroe county, where he was born on January 8, 1842, and the mother of Wayne county, where she was born on June 27, 1856. The father is a son of Gilbert

Baker, one of the early pioneers of this township, coming here among the first settlers in the region. He came to Michigan and Monroe county from the state of New York and took up his residence in a dense forest, which for ages had kept apart the sunlight and the soil, and had never yet, or but very little at the most, echoed to the resounding ax of the woodman or bowed its sturdy growth at the behest of the pioneer. He made an opening in it, however, and built himself a log cabin as a basis for further operations, and in time cleared and transformed a portion of it into a fine farm and comfortable country home, at which he died after many years of useful labor in 1846.

On this farm his son Edward R. Baker, the father of Bert, was born and reared, and in the primitive country school in the neighborhood he obtained all the scholastic training he had opportunity to get. Even if he had found a way to more advanced instruction the Civil war would have kept him from receiving it. For he was ardent in his love for the Union, and almost at the first call for volunteers he enlisted in its defense, being enrolled in the Eleventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three years and three months, and during his service saw considerable field duty.

It was not long after the war began before the hostilities became general and very active. Mr. Baker's regiment was in the midst of them at an early period, and continued to take part in their utmost activity to the end of his term of enlistment, or, indeed, to the end of the war. He marched and fought his way to Atlanta, Georgia, and went from there with Sherman on his historical and spectacular march to the sea. During the progress of that march there were many bloody engagements, and he took part in them all.

After the war he returned to his Monroe county home, and resumed his work on the family homestead. On February 20, 1870, he was married to Miss Zilma Asselstyne of Newport, this county, and by this marriage became the father of two children: Howard Alfred, who is a resident of Detroit, Michigan, and Josiah, who died on July 19, 1897, at the age of twenty-two years. Their mother died on December 19, 1875, and on July 4, 1880, the father contracted a second marriage, in which he united himself with Miss Iva E. Craft, a resident of Flat Rock, Wayne county, this state, and the daughter of Samuel E. Craft, who died in December, 1906.

Mr. Craft was an English settler and pioneer of Wayne county, a Quaker in religious belief, and a thoroughly patriotic American citizen after he became domesticated in this country. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah C. Riggs, and who is also deceased, was a devout member of the Episcopal church. Her parents were born in England and belonged to families long resident in that country and connected with that church for many generations, and she was reared in its teachings and remained loyal to it through life.

By his second marriage with Miss Iva E. Craft, there were four children; three sons and one daughter born, viz.: the eldest being Gilbert S., the immediate subject of this sketch; S. Elva, wife of Claude Sherwood, a resident of Atlanta, Michigan, and he is a carpenter and joiner by trade. Mrs. Sherwood was a successful teacher in Monroe

county previous to her marriage. Edwin Harrison, resident of Wayne county, Michigan, who deals in milk and is engaged in the dairy business. He wedded Miss Lena Sawslayer. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally belongs to the Masonic fraternity. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Hiram Wellie, resident of Carleton, Michigan, educated in the common schools, and is a dealer in poultry.

The father, Edward R. Baker, lives at Carleton and Gilbert S. on a farm of eighty acres one mile east of that town. His farm is well improved with a good dwelling house, commodious barns and sheds, and all other necessary structures, and by his skill and ability as a farmer has been brought to a high state of development and fruitfulness.

Mr. Baker, who is familiarly known throughout the township and in many other portions of the state as "Bert," was born on April 13, 1881. He was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the public schools, beginning it in the country school near his home and completing it at one of more advanced grade in Monroe. He taught school two years with great credit to himself and benefit to his pupils, winning great popularity and showing a high order of capability as a teacher.

He was married on December 24, 1902, to Miss Olive L. Sweet, an intellectual and cultivated young lady, born at Fowlerville, Michigan, and reared and educated in Detroit. She is the daughter of Lemuel and Maggie (McCarthy) Sweet, and the eldest of their eight children in the order of birth. She and her husband are the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, the eldest is V. Veral, Earl Foster and their daughter Iva Amelia, and Edwin L., deceased at the age of four months.

In political matters Mr. Baker is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and he is always loyal to it in the campaigns, although not an active partisan and never an office seeker. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church, and he takes an active part in its work, especially in the subsidiary organizations which it fosters for the general well being of the community. He has served as president and secretary of the Epworth League in the congregation to which he belongs, and in many other ways has shown himself to be an energetic and effective worker in behalf of the good of the people through his church membership. Although yet a young man, he has attained to a high place in the confidence and regard of the people around him, as has been noted, and his frank, sincere and genial manner, obliging disposition and enterprise in the support of all worthy undertakings for the progress and improvement of his township and county, are steadily broadening and strengthening his popularity and hold on the esteem of the public and augmenting his usefulness as a man and citizen.

ELI LORANGER. Many of the leading men of Monroe county, Michigan, started out in life as poor boys, but through their own efforts have become wealthy and prominent. The most successful men of this country are not always those who are born to wealth and influence. There appears to be something in the necessity for exertion that develops a

man's best qualities and demonstrates what he is capable of accomplishing, and in this connection it will not be inappropriate to briefly sketch the career of Eli Loranger, of Berlin township, who takes a pardonable degree of pride in the fact that all he now possesses has been gained through the medium of his own efforts. Left fatherless at the age of two years Mr. Loranger's early life was anything but a care-free one, and the greater part of his education was secured in the school of hard work, but with a persistency born of a determination to succeed, he has steadfastly surmounted all obstacles in his path, and after more than half a century of residence in Monroe county, is recognized as one of its leading and most successful men. Mr. Loranger was born at St. Alban, Portneuf, Province of Quebec, Canada, December 24, 1846, and is a son of Francis and Adeline (Gudin) Loranger, members of prominent old French families of the Dominion. Francis Loranger died in 1848, while his widow survived him many years and was ninety-four at the time of her death. They had a family of eleven children, as follows: Clara, Frank, Mary, Edward, Augustus, Lucille, Clarice, Elizabeth, Fernman, Mary Ann and Eli.

Eli Loranger received his education in the public schools of Canada, and when he was thirteen years of age accompanied his brother Frank to Monroe county, Michigan. Francis Loranger met his death in June, 1912, in his eighty-second year. As a youth, Eli Loranger worked in the lumber woods, various sawmills and potash works, accepting whatever honorable employment presented itself and from which a fair living could be made. He was married at the age of twenty-seven years to Sarah Gagnon, daughter of Benjamin Gagnon, a member of an old and honored French family of Quebec, who worked in the copper works for upwards of forty years. After his marriage, Mr. Loranger settled on eighty acres of partly improved land, on which he erected a log house, this being subsequently replaced by a fine frame house eighteen by twenty-six. As he prospered Mr. Loranger purchased forty acres more property, and now has one of the best farms in Berlin township. He resides in a modern residence of ten rooms, which is comfortably and tastefully furnished and equipped with modern improvements. A large barn thirty-six by seventy-six feet, for stock, graces the property, in addition to which there are buildings for the housing of implements, and a large granary, hog shed and chicken house. The land is well graded and drained, and the whole appearance of the property suggests prosperity and reflects much credit on the management and industry of its owner. The land is well situated, being half way between Toledo and Detroit, and is convenient to the Lake Shore and Central Railroads and to the electric line.

Mr. and Mrs. Loranger have had a family of eleven children: Joseph, of Detroit; John, also a resident of that city; Adelaide, who also makes her home in Detroit; Mrs. Mary Ferrell, residing at Buffalo, New York; Benjamin, living in Detroit; Adelia, who resides with her parents; Mrs. Ellen Ferrell, who died at the age of thirty-one years, leaving two children, Helen and Margaret; Anna, who died at the age of thirteen years; and three children who died in childhood. Mr. Loranger, as one of the leading men of his community, has been called upon to fill

a number of positions of trust and responsibility, serving as delegate to numerous conventions, acting as trustee of Berlin township for six years, and being a member of the school board for more than a quarter of a century. With his wife and children, he attends St. Charles Catholic church, at Newport. The homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Loranger is known as "Ingleside."

GEORGE W. FRANCISCO. One of the representative citizens of Monroe county, who has been at the front in shaping the destinies of his section along the lines of prosperity and usefulness, is George W. Francisco, of Newport, prominent business man, justice of the peace and public-spirited citizen. He has been engaged in a number of successful business enterprises, where his ability, perseverance and intelligent labors have given him prestige, and in the discharge of his official duties he has brought the same conscientious attention to detail and enthusiasm to bear that have made his private affairs so successful. Mr. Francisco was born in the village of Newport, Monroe county, Michigan, March 9, 1870, a member of an old and prominent pioneer family. His father, Joseph Francisco, was a native of Pennsylvania, and as a young man came to Monroe county and settled at the Newport settlement, erecting a log house for his residence. He married Mary Colburn, daughter of Josiah and Abigail Colburn, of an old Vermont family, and they had two sons, William Eugene and George W. For a number of years Mr. Francisco conducted a stave mill, in which enterprise he met with decided success, subsequently built and operated a sawmill, and for a quarter of a century was engaged in a general mercantile business. He did much to bring business men, industries and capital to Monroe county, and was widely known for his activities in the industrial world. His death occurred in 1904, when he was seventy-two years of age. In political matters a Democrat, Mr. Francisco was ever an active worker in the ranks of his party. His fraternal connection was with the Masons, he being a charter member of the Huron Lodge, in which he was extremely popular, and his religious belief was that of the Methodist church, which he attended regularly and supported liberally. In every walk of life he was known as an exemplary citizen and a champion of education, progress, morality and good citizenship.

George W. Francisco was reared in Newport and educated in the public schools of this place. With his father he learned the mercantile business, and for some time acted as clerk in his father's store, there learning that the true secret of success is honesty, integrity and fair dealing in all things. Subsequently he became connected with newspaper work in Toledo, Ohio, for five years, and then entered the insurance business, in which he is engaged at the present time to some extent. He has been called upon to fill a number of offices of public trust and responsibility, being for five years a member of the board of supervisors of his township and in 1909 acting as chairman of that body, in addition to which he has acted as delegate to numerous township, county and state conventions. In 1912 his signal services to the Democratic party were given recognition by his election to the office of justice of the peace, in which capacity he has shown ability of no small order. He

is one of the most popular officials Berlin township has known, but his decisions have always been rendered with strict impartiality, and he has never allowed his personal opinions to in any way interfere with his judgment.

On July 25, 1893, Judge Francisco was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Kelly, daughter of W. C. and Frances (Downs) Kelly, who for many years resided in Monroe county, where Mr. Kelly died in 1886, at the age of fifty years, and his wife in 1880, when forty-one years of age. They had four children: William, who resides in Erie, Pennsylvania; Mary F., who is engaged in teaching school in Monroe county; Mrs. Francisco, and Barbara, who died at the age of thirty-two years. Captain W. C. Kelly was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He gave all of his children good educational advantages, and for five years before her marriage Mrs. Francisco was engaged in teaching school in Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. Francisco have had two children: Lee A., born March 21, 1895; and Walter W., born June 8, 1899. At the present time Mr. Francisco is a popular candidate in the Democratic party for county clerk, of Monroe county.

BARNARD PARISH. Born and reared on a farm and looking forward to tilling the generous and responsive soil of Monroe county, Michigan, as his life work; yet turning almost at the first serious sound of arms in the Civil war from the pursuits of peaceful industry and productiveness to bloody battlefields, where unrolling columns dealt death and destruction to their fellows, and making an excellent record as a valiant soldier in defense of the Union; receiving serious wounds in battle and still bearing the marks of them, and after the war returning to his former occupation of farming, in which he has ever since been profitably engaged, Barnard Parish, of Ash township, this county, has served his country well in peace and deadly strife, and has won for himself universal commendation for his fidelity in both.

Mr. Parish is a native of this township, and was born on June 25, 1838, a son of Elias and Elizabeth (Van der Voort) Parish, natives of the state of New York, the father born in New York, on February 1st, 1799, the year George Washington died, and the mother at Mount Morris, Livingston county, on August 1, 1813. The parents grew to maturity in their native state and were married in Ontario county, New York. They came to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1836, and took up their residence in an unbroken forest in the township in which their son Barnard now lives. The father built a log cabin as a shelter and home for his family, and proceeded to clear and cultivate his wild land, which, in time, he transformed into a valuable and highly developed farm, enriched with modern buildings and brought to an advanced state of general and varied productiveness.

This whole region was wild and unsettled when they came hither, as they were among the first of the pioneers to locate here, and they still had to fear and face the savage foes of civilization, man and beast, and endure all the privations, hardships and arduous toil of frontier life. Yet, in no way or degree daunted, they went to work with a will and stuck to the job until great and gratifying success crowned their

efforts. On the farm which they carved out of the wilderness they reared their family of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Mary Ann, Barnard, Nancy, John, Henry, Frank, Harriet and Mary. Only the four sons are now living. Like Barnard, John was a soldier for the Union in the Civil war, serving in the Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

The father died in 1870 at the age of seventy-one, having been born in 1799, and the mother, who was born in 1813, in 1889, at the age of seventy-six. They were devout and very serviceable members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, and the father helped to build the first church edifice in the township of Ash, and during the whole of his residence in this locality took an active interest in the welfare, the work and everything that pertained to the advancement and usefulness of the congregation that worshipped in it with steadily increasing influence for good in the community.

Barnard Parish was married on November 25, 1866, to Miss Sabina Kittle, a young lady of extensive general intelligence and fine social culture, who was born and reared at Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York. Her father was Julius Kittle, who married Miss Elizabeth Perall. He died at the age of seventy-five years and his wife at the age of seventy-one. They had two sons in the Union army during the Civil war: John, who was in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, and Jesse, who was in the Fourth Michigan Infantry and was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish have had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Edward H. is a resident of this township. William G., who was a highly esteemed school teacher, died in Chicago, leaving a widow and two sons as the surviving members of his family. Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Winslow, of Lapeer, Michigan. Ella M. died at the age of thirty-four years and she was a successful teacher. Benjamin is a prominent farmer of Ash township. Bertha is a practical nurse in Detroit; and Lottie died at the age of sixteen months. All the children received good educations and proved highly creditable to their family and the community in which they were reared and exemplified their worth.

In his political faith and allegiance, Mr. Parish is a firm and loyal member of the Republican party. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Wallace Post, and he was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and Flatrock Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being secretary of the last named organization. He is a man of progressive views and the strictest integrity, and has done his full share of the work and sacrifice involved in the continued advancement and improvement of the county and the betterment of conditions for its residents of every class and condition. He is well educated and broadly intelligent, and a strong advocate of every form of wholesome progress. His farm, which is four miles east of Carleton, is well farmed and well improved with a modern eight-room dwelling house and all necessary outbuildings of ample size and thoroughly up-to-date in their equipment.

Mr. Parish's record in the Civil war is greatly to his credit and deserving of special mention. He enlisted on August 6, 1862, in response to

President Lincoln's urgent appeal for volunteers, becoming a member of Captain E. B. White's company, Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and was soon afterward assigned with his regiment to the First Brigade, First Division of the Army of the Potomac, under the command of Colonel H. H. Morrow, a gallant soldier himself and the commander of a gallant regiment of fierce fighting men.

This regiment was the second Michigan one to move to the front and did not have to wait long for its baptism of fire and blood. It took an active part in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Culpepper and the siege of Petersburg, Virginia, and many other engagements of great importance and many of a minor character. Mr. Parish was with it in all its battles, including the preparation and explosion of the mine before Petersburg and all the terrible conflicts of the Wilderness campaign.

Mr. Parish was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg, and also in the battle of the Wilderness which was fought on May 5, 1864, but neither wound disabled him for service for any noteworthy length of time. At the battle of Cold Harbor a Confederate bullet was shot through his haversack and struck the coffee cup it contained, which saved his life. He still has the bullet and the coffee cup, which he cherishes as suggestive souvenirs of the war. He enlisted as a private but was soon raised to the rank of sergeant, and his faithful service to the end of the gigantic sectional conflict won for him honorable mention in the official reports of the volunteer army and its glorious achievements, which brought so much renown to our citizen soldiery. His record as a farmer and citizen of enterprise and progressiveness is equally creditable, and has brought him the lasting esteem and good will of the people of his township and county, and of all other localities in which he is known.

REV. MICHAEL JOHN FARRELL. After very useful training in zealous study and practical experience of a valuable kind as preparation for his work, Rev. Michael John Farrell was called to take charge of the church and school at St. Patrick's Parish in 1910, three miles southwest of Carleton, Michigan. He has since been their controlling force and spirit of inspiration, and they have prospered rapidly and substantially under his guidance and management. He has shown himself to be a gentleman of great enterprise and resourcefulness, indefatigable industry, and worldly wise in affairs of business, besides being a ripe scholar of great learning and a practical man of wide sweep of vision and clearness of insight.

Rev. Father Farrell is a native of Rochester, New York, where he was born of a good family on April 1, in our Centennial year, 1876. He is a son of Michael and Ellen (O'Neil) Farrell, and the first born of their six children, two sons and four daughters. When he was nine years of age the parents moved to Detroit, and there, in the university of that city, he completed his academic education, although he afterward pursued a course of advanced study in the University of St. Louis, in St. Louis, where he was a student and teacher from 1900 to 1907, filling the chair of Professor of Languages in the faculty of that institution.

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After completing the work he laid out for himself in that seat of learning, he accepted a position as professor of languages at the College of the Assumption in the city of Sandwich, Ontario, Canada, which he filled with great acceptability for one year. At the end of that period he went back to St. Louis, and during the next three years prosecuted his study of theology in the Missouri metropolis, performing his duties with great credit to himself and advantage to the institution in which he worked.

But the picturesque and beautiful city of the Detroit river, which poesy has designated as "the Dardenelles of America," in which he had lived from boyhood, still had a winning smile for him, and he returned to it again. For a year he served its people well and capably as assistant pastor to Rev. John J. Connolly, and then took charge of his present post, coming to it in 1911, as has been stated above.

Wherever he has been, this fine gentleman and scholar has made his mark and left the impress of his scholarship and high personal character. He has shown himself to be a man of very broad and comprehensive information in all branches of learning, high culture and academically, theologically and socially, thoroughly practical in business matters and wise to all their requirements, and possessed of a most pleasing presence and address. These qualities have won him great popularity among all classes of the people wherever he has lived and labored, and made him extensively useful without noise or ostentation, self-assertion or manifestations of self-importance. For he has always shown the modesty of true manhood and genuine merit, seeking no dominion to rule, but only opportunities to be of service to his fellow men and do all the good he could in the world.

In the welfare of his church and everything connected with it Rev. Father Farrell is at all times earnestly, zealously and practically interested, and he always employs all the means at his command to promote that welfare and give additional impetus to the church's car of progress. He is also a very patriotic and high-minded American citizen, and aids in every way he can to advance the general interests of his country, and particularly those of his own locality. Such men as he are highly useful from every point of view, but their usefulness is not always appreciated as it should be. In his case it is, however, and he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him well enough to form a proper estimate of his worth.

JACOB M. VAN RIPER. The real history of the War of the Rebellion is written most deeply on the hearts of those who participated in that mighty conflict. The sacrifices of the volunteers did not cease when hostilities closed, for none of them came out of the war as they had entered it. If a few were fortunate enough to escape bullets, shell and imprisonment, there still lingered seeds of disease, shattered nerves and other ailments, which will cling to many as long as life lasts. For this and numerous other reasons, the rapidly diminishing ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are regarded with veneration, and the veterans have a place in the respect of their fellow-citizens the country over. A brave and faithful soldier, who has proved just as good a citizen in times

of peace, is Jacob M. Van Riper, of Berlin township, who bears honorable scars testifying to his loyalty to his flag, and to what he suffered that the nation might live. Mr. Van Riper is a native of Berlin Township, Monroe county, Michigan, and was born May 25, 1840, a son of John and Nancy (Wycoff) Van Riper, native of New Jersey, and a grandson of Adrian Van Riper, of that state, who came of old Holland Dutch stock. Mr. Van Riper's father died in 1846, at the age of forty-four years, while Mrs. Van Riper survived many years, passing away at the age of eighty-four.

Jacob M. Van Riper was reared on the old home farm, being taught to work hard and be honest, and received his education in the district schools of his native vicinity. In 1860 he was married to Miss Catherine Young, who was born in New Jersey, but reared and educated in Michigan, daughter of Josiah and Julia (Swallow) Young, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Van Riper had six children: Mary Catharine, Julia Ann, Nancy Ellen, John Francis, who is foreman of the John Strong Stock Farm; Leora, who resides in Detroit, and Julia, who died aged forty-five. At the time of Lincoln's call for six hundred thousand more troops, for three years of service, Mr. Van Riper enlisted, July 31, 1862, at Flat Rock, Wayne county, Michigan, in the company of Captain W. W. White, of Livonia, Michigan, Colonel Henry A. Morrow. The company went into camp at Detroit, Michigan, and a short time later was sent to Washington, D. C., from whence they went to the front, their first destination being Fredericksburg, Virginia. During the two years that followed, the regiment saw some of the hardest struggles of the war, participating in numerous bloody engagements, and earning and retaining the reputation of being one of the hard-fighting organizations of the Union cause. Their battles included the Wilderness and Gettysburg, and in the latter struggle, of three hundred and ninety-six stalwart young specimens of American manhood who entered the fray, but ninety-two came out of the awful battle ready or able to report for duty. There Mr. Van Riper was wounded in the stomach by a spent ball, which laid him up in the hospital for a period of two months, and at this time he still keeps the bullet as a memento of one of the great fights of the Civil war. On May 10, 1864, at the Wilderness, a piece of bursting shell penetrated his left side, and he was taken to the hospital, where he remained for some time, being later sent to Springfield, and subsequently honorably discharged at Detroit. A faithful and cheerful soldier, at all times ready to do his full duty, Mr. Van Riper was also known as a brave and fearless fighter, and through gallant services secured promotions to the rank of sergeant, although he had entered the army as a private.

On his return from his brave career as a soldier, Mr. Van Riper engaged in farming, and so successful was he in his operations, that he has lived retired from business cares and activities, and now resides in his comfortable home which is situated three-quarters of a mile south of Flat Rock. He belongs to Wallace Post, No. 75, G. A. R., Flat Rock, and is prominent in Grand Army circles, having served in almost every official capacity in his post, and at one time being commander. In politics he is a Democrat, and for a long period has been a notary

public. He is well informed on general topics, recalls many reminiscences of the early days, and is a pleasing conversationalist, being frank and genial in his manner. This sturdy, successful, patriotic soldier-citizen is one of the leading men of the county, and fully deserves every good thing that has come to him.

FRANK S. PETERS. During the past quarter of a century, F. S. Peters has been engaged in breeding fine cattle, and is today recognized as one of the best judges and most successful breeders of his section, and the owner of the finest herd of registered thoroughbred Holstein cattle in Monroe county. His handsome stock farm, the Huron Valley Stock Farm, located in the beautiful Huron River Valley, one mile south of Flat Rock, in Berlin township, and two and one-half miles from Rockwood, where he is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of finely cultivated land. Mr. Peters was born on his present farm some forty-five years ago, a son of Jacob and Jeannette (Hitchens) Peters, New Yorkers. He is descended from a family that has been public-spirited in times of peace and patriotic in war, and members of which have held places of importance in the fields of business, finance and the professions.

Jacob Peters was born in New York, of German ancestry, and became an early settler of Monroe county, Michigan, where he followed farming and stock raising all of his life, accumulating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres and passing away at the age of forty-seven years, in 1879. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church, and he was fraternally connected with the Masons, at one time serving as representative thereof at the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Peters died when F. S. was seven years of age, having been the mother of two sons: Sydney, of Burr Oak; and F. S. Jacob Peters was married (second) to Celestine Hotchkiss, who died in 1910, without issue.

F. S. Peters received his education in the public schools, which he attended until he was twelve years of age. At that time he lost his father, and he was reared to manhood by his step-mother, being taught habits of industry and integrity. He inherited fifty-seven acres of land from his father's estate, to which he has added from time to time until he now has two hundred and forty acres of some of the finest land to be found in the state. Throughout the southeastern part of Michigan, Mr. Peters is known for his activities and success in breeding thoroughbred cattle, and no man has a wider reputation as a raiser of Holstein stock. He has improved his land with modern buildings, including a stock barn 40x100 feet, a number of buildings for the shelter of machinery and grain, and two large silos, with a capacity of two hundred tons. He conducts a large dairy and sends his milk to Detroit, where he receives the highest market prices. His stock are ensilage fed, and he keeps his pastures and meadows in the finest condition. The whole appearance of the farm testifies to the thrift and ability of its owner, and to add the finishing touch to its attractiveness, Mr. Peters erected a handsome ten-room house, which is surrounded by a wide, well-kept lawn and numerous shade trees. This residence is equipped with the most modern conveniences and appurtenances, and is tastefully and comfortably furnished.

At the age of twenty years, Mr. Peters was united in marriage with Miss Arda Haley, of Berlin township, daughter of Captain James and Salome Haley, the former a well known lake captain. Mrs. Peters received excellent educational advantages, and prior to her marriage was a school teacher. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters: Mildred, who married Orville Olmstead, and lives on the home farm. Mr. Peters is a member of the Masons at Flat Rock, and of the Grange. He is intensely interested in all that pertains to the advancement of religion, education, morality and temperance, and served as Sunday school superintendent and trustee of the Congregational church for some time. He is representative of the best Monroe county citizenship, and has numerous friends throughout this and other sections of the state.

FRANK T. ROACH, M. D. Probably there is no profession which demands so much of its members as that of medicine. The physician occupies one of the most responsible, as well as confidential, relations in our social existence. To him are entrusted our innermost secrets, as well as the lives and welfare of our dearest friends. To worthily and acceptably fill such a position is one of the most difficult tasks ever imposed on man, and such a task we find is assumed by Dr. Frank T. Roach, who, although yet a young man, is not without considerable experience in his profession. Every profession has its prominent men, some made such by long membership, others by their proficiency in their calling. Dr. Roach is made conspicuous among the physicians of Monroe county not so much by the length of time he has devoted to the vocation as by the eminent success he has already made of it. He was born August 2, 1878, at Rochester, New York, the fifth in order of birth of the six children of John and Eliza (Welch) Roach, the former of whom died at the age of fifty years, in 1909, and the latter December 11, 1909, when sixty-three years of age. They had three sons and three daughters.

Dr. Roach attended the public schools of Paw Paw, Michigan, and after some preparatory work entered the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. A close and industrious student, he stood well up among the members of his class and graduated with honors. On receiving his degree, Dr. Roach immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Paw Paw, but after a short time there came to Newport, where he now has an excellent professional business. Possessed of a kind, sympathetic nature, a keen sense of discrimination, a natural taste for the various branches of his profession and the necessary skill and training, he has gathered about him a large practice, and already has gained an enviable reputation among his professional confreres. He has never ceased to be a careful student, subscribing to the leading medical periodicals of the day, and attending regularly the meetings of the Monroe County and Michigan State Medical Societies, of both of which he is a valued member. The Doctor's suite of offices are located in his fine home, which is situated in the eastern part of town, a modern residence surrounded by shade trees and a wide and well-kept lawn. It includes ten rooms, of which two are used for professional purposes. Dr. Roach has interested himself in Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Paw Paw and the Chapter at Monroe.

On November 21, 1908, Dr. Roach was united in marriage with Miss Ollie Lamb, who was born, reared and educated in Monroe county, daughter of Preston and Lucille (Navarre) Lamb, and granddaughter of Colonel Navarre, who was born January 22, 1813, in Germany, and who built one of the first log houses in Monroe county, where the family is widely and favorably known. To Dr. and Mrs. Roach there have been born two children, namely: Marian Jane and Ada.

ROY M. SPERRY. As secretary of the Greening Nursery Company and a stockholder in the River Raisin Paper Company, Roy M. Sperry is closely identified with two of the important commercial enterprises of the city of Monroe. He is an energetic young business man, and has made a very successful record in Monroe.

Mr. Sperry was born in Indiana, a son of S. A. and Mary (Irish) Sperry, who a few years later moved to Clinton county, Michigan, where the father was engaged in carpenter work. From Clinton county the parents moved to Detroit, where they still reside.

Roy M. Sperry was educated in the Clinton county public schools and the St. John's Academy, and completed a commercial course at Ypsilanti as preparation for his practical business career. His first undertaking in his career was as clerk and stenographer for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, for whom he worked eighteen months. In 1895 he became identified with the Greening Nursery Company. Since 1903 he has been secretary of the Greening Nursery Company. This is one of the largest nurseries in Michigan, and its stock has acquired a reputation with thousands of customers who would not be satisfied with fruit trees from any other source.

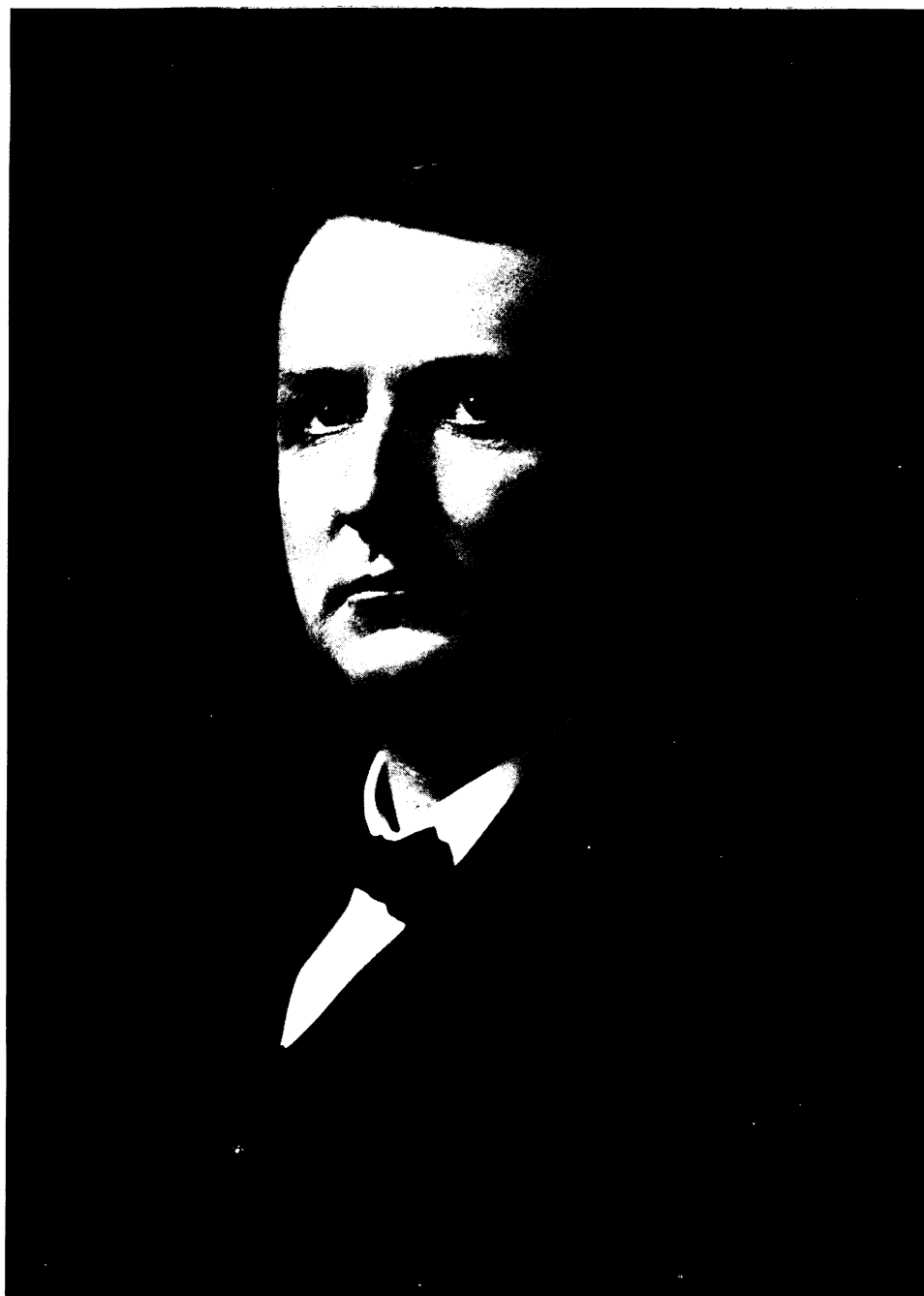
Mr. Sperry was married in 1897 to Miss Mary Herbst, daughter of William Herbst, a prominent farmer of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry live in an attractive home at 402 First street in Monroe.

JAMES R. CARROLL. When thirteen years old, James R. Carroll left school and became a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph office in Monroe rising to the position of local manager. He resigned from the Western Union and is now sales manager of the Greening Nursery Company. By his industry, inclination for the work and reliable ability, he made himself master of every successive situation, and is one of the young citizens of Monroe who have gained a creditable success in their chosen vocations.

James R. Carroll is a native son of Monroe, and his family is one of the oldest and most respected in the county. He was born October 19, 1880, and was the third son of John and Margaret (Rafter) Carroll. Both the Carroll and Rafter families have been known in this county since pioneer times. The father, the late John Carroll, who died December 13, 1907, was born at Monroe in 1840, and was highly esteemed both as a citizen and man of industry. He was for many years a miller, managed the City Mills for some time, and later operated the Waldorf mills. The latter was known locally as the Old Mill, and its principal machinery once consisted of two run of stone or burrs, but this was afterwards changed to the roller system. Mr. Carroll conducted this mill



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up to the time of his death. The mother, who still survives, is now living in Monroe. Her father, William Rafter, was a pioneer of Monroe county, having taken up a tract of land on Stony creek which to this date bears the name of Rafter farm.

James R. Carroll received his primary education in the public schools and was attending high school when he left to become a messenger. After three years he was transferred to Jackson, Michigan, where he became assistant operator, was next advanced to manager of the Western Union office at Chelsea, and from there returned to Monroe to become local manager in this city.

Mr. Carroll affiliates with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. In politics he is a Republican, but has had little time for practical work in the party. He and his wife are members of the St. John's Catholic church. Their residence is at 255 North Macomb street, and they enjoy a very happy home life. Their marriage occurred in 1900. Mrs. Carroll was Miss Lolla Maurer, daughter of Charles A. and Sarah (Davis) Maurer, her father being one of the prominent contractors of this city.

HARRY A. LOCKWOOD. As a lawyer and jurist Judge Lockwood has conferred dignity and honor upon his profession and upon his native county and state, and he is now one of the representative members of the bar of the city of Detroit, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1909, as a member of the firm of Clark, Lockwood, Bryant & Klein, with offices in suite 1301-8 Ford building, one of the finest modern structures of the Michigan metropolis. Judge Lockwood has attained to distinctive precedence in his profession and prior to his removal from Monroe to Detroit, he had served eight years on the bench of the Circuit court of the thirty-eighth judicial circuit of the state. He is a son of the late Ezra L. Lockwood and Jennie Hall Lockwood, two of the honored pioneers and prominent and influential citizens of Monroe county, and as a special memoir is dedicated to his father on other pages of this work, further reference to the family history is not demanded in this review.

Harry Albert Lockwood was born in the village of Petersburg, Monroe county, Michigan, on the 28th of August, 1861, and in the following year the family removed to what was then a wild and undeveloped section of the county, from which was carved out the homestead farm in Summerfield township, where his parents continued to reside for nearly a half century. Thus the future jurist found his boyhood compassed by the influence of the farm and he early learned to appreciate the dignity of honest toil and endeavor. He gained his preliminary education in the public schools and supplemented this by a course in the Michigan State Normal School at Ypsilanti, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1881. Well fortified along academic lines, he forthwith began the work of preparing himself for the profession in which it has been his to achieve signal success. He entered the law department of the University of Michigan, in which he completed the prescribed curriculum and was graduated as a member of the class of 1883, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was simultaneously admitted to

the bar of his native state and forthwith began his professional novitiate by opening an office in the city of Monroe, where his sterling character and excellent ability and attainments soon gained for him substantial success in his chosen vocation. In 1888 he was elected city attorney of the city of Monroe. In 1894 he was elected prosecuting attorney of his native county, on this platform: "All must obey the law whether they sell wheat or whiskey," and during his service of two years in this important office he added materially to his professional reputation, as he proved a fearless, aggressive and successful public prosecutor. He later served another term as city attorney of Monroe, and in 1901 he was called from his active professional work to assume a judicial office for which he proved himself eminently qualified. In that year he was appointed by Governor Bliss to fill a vacancy on the bench of the thirty-eighth judicial circuit of the state. In the following year he was duly elected to fill out the regular term, and at the expiration of the same, in 1905, he was re-elected for the full term of six years. In this office, Judge Lockwood proved in a most emphatic way his broad and comprehensive knowledge of the law and the true judicial bend of his mind, for his rulings were signally fair and impartial in both civil and criminal cases presented for his adjudication, and few of his opinions met with reversal by the supreme court.

In February, 1909, Judge Lockwood resigned his position on the circuit bench and removed to Detroit, where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession and where his associates are Joseph H. Clark, William G. Bryant, and George H. Klein, the firm of which he is a member having representative status at the bar of the state, and controlling a large and important practice.

In 1905-6, Judge Lockwood was president of the Association of Judges of Michigan, composed of the judges of the supreme court and the circuit courts of the state, and in 1909-10 he was accorded further honor by professional confreres in that he was president of the Michigan State Bar Association. He has accorded a staunch allegiance to the Republican party from the time of attaining to his legal majority, and he has given most effective service in behalf of the principles and policies of the party, in the ranks of which he has been an active worker since 1883. He is a member of the American Bar Association, and has long been actively identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose faith he was reared and of which he is a zealous member.

Within the past quarter of a century Judge Lockwood has delivered many addresses before civic and religious organizations throughout the state. For thirty years he has been an aggressive and strong advocate of any cause he espoused. His position has never been uncertain and he has fearlessly stood for the highest and best ideals of the social, political, professional and religious life of the people among whom he has lived. He has been successful in business life as well as in his professional career. For several years he has been a director and the general counsel of The Boehme & Rauch Company, the largest manufacturing concern in the county, and is also a director and general counsel of The Detroit National Fire Insurance Company.

On August 28, 1884, Harry A. Lockwood was married to Helen Stone,

a daughter of William A. Stone and Caroline Lamb Stone of Macomb county, in this state. During all their married life until the past four years, this happily mated couple lived in Monroe county and are widely known by the people of the county. Those who know them well agree with the Judge that Mrs. Lockwood is to blame for at least half he has accomplished. They have three children, Albert Harry, born June 11, 1888, a graduate of the University of Michigan, class of 1910, and now practicing his profession of civil engineer, in Detroit, Michigan; Gertrude Alice, born May 8, 1893, at present a student in Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts; and Ezra William, born May 20, 1896, a student in Detroit Central High School.

THEODORE E. ILGENFRITZ. In connection with the nursery industry with which the family name has been long and prominently identified in Monroe county, Theodore E. Ilgenfritz is an influential factor, as he is general manager of the I. E. Ilgenfritz' Sons Company, which was founded by his honored father and which represents one of the most extensive enterprises of the kind in the entire Union and one of the pioneer industries of this order in Monroe county, which section of Michigan has a national reputation in this domain of industry. Further reference to the family history is made in sketches appearing on other pages of this volume and thus further review is not demanded in the present connection.

He whose name initiates this article is a native of the city of Monroe and here he has ever maintained his home, the while he has well upheld the prestige of the family name in both civic and business lines. He is the second son of the late I. E. Ilgenfritz, of whom specific mention is made elsewhere in this work and he and his three brothers are the interested principals in the I. E. Ilgenfritz' Sons Company, which perpetuates the name of its sterling founder. Theodore E. Ilgenfritz was born in Monroe on the 3d of May, 1856, and is indebted to the public schools of his native city for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school. Thereafter he was for one year a student in Albion College, at Albion, Michigan, and upon his return to the parental home he became actively concerned with his father's extensive nursery business. He familiarized himself with every detail of the business, along both scientific and practical lines, and thus he is well equipped for the responsible duties that devolve upon him at the present time in his capacity of general manager of the great nurseries of the company, whose products are shipped into all parts of the United States and the reputation of which is second to that of no similar concern in the entire nation. The company is incorporated with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, its nurseries utilize a total area of over one thousand acres of ground, and its facilities and service in all departments are of the highest standard. The four brothers constituting the company are Willbur F., Theodore E., Frank L. and Thomas I. Ilgenfritz, and all are recognized as representative business men and progressive and influential citizens of their native county. Theodore E. Ilgenfritz is a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party, but has never had any desire to identify himself

with so called practical politics. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and the beautiful home, a substantial brick residence at 903 Elm avenue, is known for its generous hospitality.

On the 6th of February, 1878, Mr. Ilgenfritz was united in marriage to Miss Kate M. La Fontaine, who was born and reared in this county, and who is a daughter of the late Louis and Sarah (Prindle) La Fontaine, sterling citizens of this section of the state, where the father devoted his active career to banking. Mr. and Mrs. Ilgenfritz have two children—Dr. Frederick M., who was graduated in the Detroit College of Medicine, as a member of the class of 1903, and who is now engaged in the successful practice of his profession in the city of Kalamazoo, and Edith E., who was graduated in the Monroe high school and who is a popular factor in the social activities of her native city, was united in marriage May 1, 1912, to Mr. Clyde Johnson of Detroit, Michigan.

CHARLES E. GREENING. All that has been contributed by the Greening family to the industrial and civic development and progress of Monroe county can not easily be gauged, but it may be said without fear of legitimate contradiction that no one agency has borne afar the name of the county and that of its capital city than that afforded through the extensive operations of what is now designated as the Greening Nursery Company. This concern is one of the largest and most admirably ordered in the entire Union and it may well be understood that it has exerted potent influence in furthering the commercial prosperity and advancement of Monroe county, the while its name is familiar in the most diverse sections of the country—in short wherever there is appreciation of what is to be gained through the cultivation of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers. From the most modest inception this great enterprise has been developed into one of vast ramification, and its history covers a period of more than half a century. The honored founder of the business was John C. W. Greening, to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work, so that there is no demand for the repetition of the incidental data in the present article. Charles E. Greening, the present executive head of the Greening Nursery Company, was thoroughly trained in the business under the direction of his able and honored father, and in his chosen field of endeavor, as well as in his broad-minded, liberal and progressive citizenship, he has well upheld the prestige of the family name. He is one of the best known and most influential men of his native city and county, and that he commands here unqualified popular confidence and esteem bears ample testimony to his possessing sterling attributes of character and to the public appreciation of the generous contribution made by him to the furthering of the best interests of the county which has ever been his home.

The business now conducted under the title of the Greening Nursery Company had its inception in 1856, when John C. W. Greening formed a partnership with Thomas Whelpley and began operations in the nursery line, with only one and one-half acres of ground in requisition for this purpose. The partnership was dissolved in 1863 and thereafter Mr. Greening continued the business in an individual way until his elder sons were able to become his effective coadjutors. His broad and

accurate knowledge of scientific methods and all other details of the business was supplemented by indefatigable energy, excellent judgment and far-sighted administrative policies, and thus the enterprise expanded in scope and importance from year to year, with the result that the Centennial year, 1876, found the Greening nursery represented by nearly two hundred acres under effective cultivation. In 1885 the founder of the business turned the same over to his two elder sons, who had fully profited by his instructions and wide experience, and the father thereafter lived virtually retired until his death, which occurred in July, 1908. To the memorial tribute elsewhere in this volume reference should be made for further information concerning this honored pioneer and sterling citizen, whose memory will long be cherished in the county which so long represented his home.

When the two sons assumed control of the business the name and style of the firm was changed to "Greening Brothers," the partnership title being vested equally in George A. and Charles E. Greening. This was continued until 1902 when the enterprise was incorporated under the laws of the state, and the corporate name became, "The Greening Nursery Company," with capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, all paid in. About this time George A. Greening retired from the business and Charles E. Greening became sole owner, the stock of the corporation being now held by him and the members of his immediate family; and under the broader corporate functions the business has continued to expand along normal and legitimate lines and in harmony with the honorable and progressive policies defined by its founder.

The personnel of the executive corps of this great nursery is as follows,—Charles E. Greening, president, horticulturist and scientist; Benjamin J. Greening, vice-president and general manager; Roy M. Sperry, secretary-treasurer and office manager; A. Ferdine Langlois, advertising editor and landscape architect; Edward G. Greening, assistant horticulturist and entomologist; Miss Rose Frebes, chief clerk of collection department; George A. Schaeffer, shipping clerk and chief of order department; James Carroll, chief clerk of advertising department; William C. Drake, manager of Detroit branch of landscape department; Walter Greening, superintendent of nurseries; Frank Yentz, assistant superintendent of nurseries; William Navarre, Frederick Duval, Michael Frazen and Joseph Heller, field foremen; Joseph Musiel, chief gardener and superintendent of greenhouses; John W. Romine, master mechanic and inventor; and Wilbur Romine, assistant mechanic. The above list indicates an organization of experts, and the Greening Nursery Company has been signally favored in the development of its vast enterprise and harmonious business system. The highest standards are maintained in all departments, the officers and subordinates feel that their interests are in common, and the result is that the Greening nurseries offer patrons facilities and a perfection of service which can be claimed in equal degree by few if any other concerns of the kind in the entire United States.

The Greening Nursery Company has availed itself of the most scientific methods and most modern appliances for carrying on its great work, the machine for digging trees by steam power, for instance, being a distinct mechanical triumph. With this ingenious and powerful device

the company can now harvest and safely store away in its mammoth cellars 185,000 trees per day, whereas the same force of men under old methods had a capacity of only one thousand trees per day. The storing of trees under roof and keeping them in perfectly fresh and prime condition is another important development of this great enterprise, for by its means orders are filled during the winter and made ready for spring shipment, an accomplishment which was impossible under former methods.

Horticultural science owes much to the Greening Nurseries and more especially to the scientific genius of Charles E. Greening, who will always be remembered for the up-breeding of fruit trees by means of the selection of scions from trees of unusual merit. It is estimated that his work in this direction alone will add many millions of dollars a year to the wealth of fruit growers.

Charles E. Greening, president of the Greening Nursery Company and known as one of the leading factors in his line of business in the entire United States, was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, on the 28th of September, 1858, and he has literally grown up in the business of which he is now a most prominent and influential representative. He began to assist in his father's nurseries when a mere boy and is familiar with every minute detail of the business, along both scientific and practical lines. His early educational discipline was gained in the public schools and the German Lutheran parochial school in Monroe, and his attendance was principally during the winter months, when his services were not in requisition in connection with the work of the nurseries. Through self-discipline, appreciative study and reading and long and active association with men and affairs he has become a man of broad information, cultured tastes and mature judgment, so that there was but little of handicap involved in the somewhat limited educational training of his youth. Aside from his strict attention to the nursery business he devotes considerable time to scientific work and study, and might well be termed, from the results he has achieved, the second Burbank of the nation. He invites young men to visit him and takes great delight in instructing them in forestry and in the culture and care of trees, orchards, parks and gardens, as well as in other details of the ideal line of enterprise to which he has devoted his entire life thus far. His beautiful summer home and private parks make the place one of enchanting beauty on every hand, as art has effectively been called to the service of nature in most attractive landscape gardening and in the propagation of bewildering masses of beautiful shrubbery and flowers. Mr. Greening makes occasional tours abroad, in search of rare trees and flowers as well as recreation, and he has visited many points of interest in the oriental countries. With his family he passes a portion of the winter seasons in Florida, where he delights in the enjoyment of his beautiful southern home and gardens, with yachting as an incidental pastime.

Mr. Greening's own sentiments anent his own gardens are worthy of reproduction in this connection and have been expressed in the following words: "First a plant is married to the soil, and a garden world is born." In the course of a very active business career I have found great

solace in taking care of my garden, ministering to the wants of the trees, shrubs and other plants that compose it and forgetting my troubles in their tender ministrations to me. A wonderful thing is a garden. It is, in very truth and in a far greater sense than sleep, the 'balm of hurt minds and tired nature's sweet restorer.' The man who has become brain-weary and soul-fagged in the never ending grind of gold-getting can find surcease from all his cares and gain a real renewal of youth by working a few minutes a day among his flowers. So much of pleasure has come to me from the care of my gardens, both in the city and at my country home, that I could wish to urge others to like indulgence in communion with nature 'in her visible forms,' and thus to share in the joy that has been mine through the cultivation of trees and shrubs and flowers."

In the midst of the manifold exactions of a notably busy and successful life, Mr. Greening has not denied his influence and earnest co-operation in the support of measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community and to make life worth living. In evidence of this attitude on his part it may be noted that he was instrumental in securing for Monroe two of its largest manufacturing enterprises, viz: the Deinzer Furniture Company and the Weis Manufacturing Company; also he was one of those most influential in effecting the establishing of that noble Monroe institution, the Old Folk's Home. He gave of his personal time and effort in securing subscriptions to place the home on a secure financial basis, and he was most zealous in the movement which resulted in the erection of the magnificent equestrian statue and monument of General George A. Custer at his old home in Monroe, said monument having been unveiled on the 4th of June, 1910. In recognition of his earnest efforts in this connection he was presented with a handsome and appropriately inscribed silver loving cup tendered to him by the citizens of Monroe, through its common council, which voiced its sentiments in the following words, and under date of July 16, 1910: "Representing the city of Monroe and knowing as we do the hard and long work you have done and the expense you have paid without asking returns, we had you come before us to-night not for the purpose of anything unpleasant but for the more suitable purpose of showing you, although not so well as we could wish, the appreciation in which your work is held by the people of your home city. Take, therefore, from the citizens of Monroe this slight but enduring token of appreciation for all you did to make the Custer monument and its dedication day the success they represent."

Still further recognition of Mr. Greening's efforts in the connection noted came to him in the presentation of an equestrian statuette of General Custer by the Old Guard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Washington, D. C., and this valued tribute bore the following inscription: "Custer Equestrian Statuette, presented to Charles E. Greening, Monroe, Michigan, by the Old Guard Post, G. A. R., Washington, D. C., in recognition of his efforts in securing the Custer equestrian statue erected in the city of Monroe, in honor of General George Armstrong Custer. This model statuette, by the famous French sculptor, L. Boulie,

has been for over thirty years in the custody of the Old Guard Post, G. A. R., Washington, D. C."

Though always loyal to every civic duty and responsibility and admirably fortified in his views concerning matters of economic import, Mr. Greening has never manifested any desire to enter practical politics, but he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party and is ever ready to assist his friends who are desirous of entering public office. He and his family hold membership in Trinity Lutheran church and he is a liberal contributor to the various departments of its work. He is an enthusiastic devotee of aquatic sports, was one of the organizers of the State Monroe Yacht Club, and is the owner of the celebrated yacht, "Bab," as well as the racing boat named "Commodore."

On the 24th of February, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Greening to Miss Frederic Janson, of Saginaw, Michigan. She was born and reared in Saginaw county, where her father, Peter Janson, was a successful agriculturist until the time of his death. Of this ideal union have been born five children, concerning whom brief record is given in conclusion of this review: Benjamin J. is vice-president of the Greening Nursery Company; Edward G. is a member of the class of 1915 in Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York; Lillian is at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York; Cordelia is a student at National Park Seminary, at Washington, D. C.; and Ninetta remains at the parental home.

JOHN C. W. GREENING. Measured by its achievement, its rectitude, its objective influence and its abiding kindliness and humanity, the life of the late John Christoph Wilhelm Greening, pioneer in the nursery business in Monroe county, counted for much, and his name merits a high place on the roll of the honored citizens who have contributed greatly to the development and upbuilding of this section of the state. Of the great productive enterprise which perpetuates his name and of which he was the founder, adequate mention is made in the sketch of the career of his son Charles E., who is now president of the Greening Nursery Company, said article appearing on other pages of this volume, so that ready index reference may be made thereto as supplemental to the memoir here presented. He, to whom this tribute is dedicated, came from Germany to America when a young man, and though his financial resources were most meager he was endowed with determination, energy, ambition and marked technical skill as a nurseryman, so that he was well equipped for the splendid line of enterprise to which he directed his attention and in connection with which he ultimately became one of the leading representatives of the industry in the land of his adoption. He brought to bear much initiative and executive ability as well as scientific knowledge and he won success through honest and well ordered industry. His name was a synonym of integrity in all the relations of life, and after a residence of more than half a century in Monroe county he was summoned to the life eternal on the 20th of July, 1908, when nearly four score years of age and secure in the high esteem of all who knew him.

John C. W. Greening was born at Seebach, Prussia, on the 25th of June, 1829, and was a scion of one of the old and sterling families of that

section of the great German empire. He attended the excellent schools of his native land until he had attained to the age of fourteen years and then entered the service of Baron Von Berlespsch, who was one of the most prominent representatives of the nursery industry in Germany at that time. Under most favorable auspices, therefore, the subject of this memoir gained thorough discipline in the line of business in which he was destined to gain marked success and precedence in later years; for under the personal guidance of the Baron, he learned every detail of shrub and tree propagation as well as of landscape gardening and floriculture, so that, with continuous study and experimentation as the years passed by, he became an authority in the business of which he was a most prominent exponent in America.

In 1852, when about twenty-three years of age, Mr. Greening severed the ties which bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to seek his fortunes in the United States. He soon came to Monroe county, and here he was employed by Norman Haskell, in the capacity of gardener, in the year 1853, which also marked an important event in his career, since he was married in that year to the gentle and worthy young woman who proved his devoted companion and helpmeet for more than half a century, the gracious relations being severed only by his death—the first break in the family circle within a period of fifty-five years. In 1856 Mr. Greening entered into partnership with the late Thomas Whelpley, and they began operations as pioneers in the nursery business in Monroe county. That their first efforts were of modest order may be well understood when it is stated that at the start their nursery utilized only one and one-half acres of ground. Mr. Whelpley retired from the business in 1863 and thereafter Mr. Greening conducted the enterprise in an individual way, with the assistance of his two elder sons, who were carefully trained in the service, and who in time became the successors of the honored father. Thrift, industry, fair and honorable dealings and progressive methods caused the enterprise to expand from year to year, and to meet the demands of the increasing trade, Mr. Greening added to the area of his estate from time to time until the year 1876 found him the owner of a fine nursery tract of nearly two hundred acres, all under effective use. The two elder sons, George A. and Charles E., succeeded the founder in control of the practical details of the business in 1888, and thereafter Mr. Greening lived virtually retired until the close of his long and worthy career, finding the closing period of his life one compassed by smiling plenty and fair, prosperous days, the while he and his loved wife were surrounded by friends who were tried and true and received the devoted affection and kindly care of their children, all of whom have honored the family name. The extent of the industrial enterprise founded by Mr. Greening may be measurably understood when it is stated that the Greening Nursery Company of the present day utilizes in its various operations a landed estate of fifteen hundred acres and that millions of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs and plants are grown by the company and placed on a market that constantly increases its demands upon the vital and progressive corporation which now conducts the business and the stock of which is virtually controlled

by representatives of the Greening family. From an appreciative estimate published in a local paper at the time of the death of Mr. Greening, are taken the following pertinent extracts:

"Mr. Greening was one of the pioneer nurserymen of the state and the foundation which he laid over fifty years ago is to-day represented by one of the largest and most intensive business enterprises of Monroe county. It was by honest methods, honest dealings and hard work that the deceased gave to business at its inception and to the foundation which he laid so firm and solid that the immense business to-day rests securely upon the one and one-half acres of a half century ago."

Mr. Greening was a man of broad mental ken and strong individuality, and he ever had the courage of his convictions, even as he had the ability to carry his well-formed plans to successful issue. He was generous and kindly and ever ready to aid those in affliction and distress, a work in which his noble wife earnestly supplemented his efforts. He was not self-centered, but with increasing prosperity, gave of his means and influence in furthering those objects which inure to the general welfare of the community. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party and he took a deep and intelligent interest in the questions and issues of the day. He was a devout and consistent communicant of Trinity German Lutheran church in the city of Monroe, and with this religious body all of the members of his family have been similarly identified. He was a good man, a loyal citizen, a true friend, and it is fitting indeed, that this history of Monroe county should take this cognizance of his earnest and useful life and pay a tribute to his memory.

At Monroe, on the 26th of December, 1853, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Greening to Miss Marie Schuets, who was born and reared in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, and who had come to America in the preceding year. Side by side they passed down the pathway of life for fifty-five years, and the loving companionship was severed only when the husband and father was called from the scene of his mortal endeavors, the venerable couple having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 26th of December, 1903, when a fine banquet was tendered in their honor at the Park hotel in Monroe, the occasion being one that called forth a large circle of their friends and one on which were assembled also all of their children and grandchildren. Mrs. Greening, now aged 81, is still in good health and able to assist at household duties, her home being with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Reinhart, of La Salle, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Greening became the parents of five children, concerning whom the following brief data are entered: Kunigunda was the wife of the late William Herpst, of Maybee, Michigan, where she still resides; George A., who was long associated with his brother Charles E. in the conducting of the nursery business, is now at Monroe, retired from business, with an ample competence. Charles E., president of the Greening Nursery Company, is individually mentioned on other pages of this publication; Mary is the wife of Michael Reinhardt, and they reside at La Salle, Michigan; and William J. is at Oakland, California.

FRED M. KRESSBACH. The present popular and efficient incumbent of the office of city clerk of Monroe, Michigan, is Fred M. Kressbach, who is well known in Monroe county, where he was born and reared and where he has resided during the greater part of his life time thus far. He is a business man of shrewd ability and keen foresight and as a result of his fair and honorable methods and sterling integrity of character he became a candidate for the office of city clerk, to which important position he was elected for the first time in 1910.

Fred M. Kressbach was born at Monroe, Michigan, October 1, 1869, and he is a son of John and Judith (Baier) Kressbach, the former of whom was born at Wuertenburg, Germany, and the latter of whom claims the same place of her nativity. John Kressbach passed his boyhood and early manhood in Germany, where he attended school until his fourteenth year, when he entered upon an apprenticeship to learn the wagon-maker's trade. After thoroughly familiarizing himself with the work of his trade he traveled as a journeyman, visiting a number of interesting European cities. In 1854 he emigrated to the United States, landing in New York city, whence he went directly to Monroe, Michigan. Here he entered the employ of Mr. Spalding, for whom he worked on a farm for the salary of eight dollars per month. Subsequently he was employed for several years by Jacob Kull as blacksmith, and in 1868 he assumed charge of the Detroit Wine Company, which prominent concern has its headquarters at Monroe. He had the care of the above wine company from 1868 until 1888, and during that score of years he acquired the knowledge of an expert in the art of conducting vineyards and manufacturing grapes into wine. His quality of wine became very popular and was highly recommended for its brilliant color, superior clarity and unusual richness of taste. As a wine-maker he held prestige as one of the best in the entire state. He was a man of fine intellect, upright and honest in all his intentions and ever commanded the unqualified confidence and respect of all with whom he had dealings. His death occurred in 1888 and his loss was mourned throughout the section in which he was so well known and beloved. He was a devout member of the Trinity Lutheran church, of which his wife and children are still members. Concerning Mr. and Mrs. Kressbach's children, Emma remains at home with her mother; Fred M. is the immediate subject of this sketch; Wilhelmina is the wife of August Stoll, of Detroit; and Matilda is the wife of Charles Ott, of Detroit. Mrs. Kressbach survives her husband and although she is now in her eightieth year, she retains in much of their pristine vigor, the excellent mental and physical qualities of her prime. She resides on the old homestead on Second street in Monroe.

As a boy Fred M. Kressbach attended the Lutheran parochial school at Monroe for seven years, at the expiration of which he was for one year a pupil in the public school. In 1883 he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he attended a select school for four years. Upon completing his education he entered the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, working in the freight office of that concern, in this city, for a period of fifteen years. In 1900 he became a clerk in the offices of the Monroe Stone Company, with which company he remained until 1909. In 1910 he became candidate for, and was elected, city clerk of

Monroe, assuming charge of the duties connected with that office in April, 1910. He was re-elected city clerk in 1911 and is the efficient incumbent of the office at the present time, in 1912. He is a citizen of intrinsic loyalty and public spirit and one who is always interested in the good of his home community. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

In 1892 Mr. Kressbach was united in marriage to Miss Mary Weiss, of Monroe, a daughter of George and Philapena (Horner) Weiss. Four children have been born to this union, namely, William F., who is engaged at the Weiss Manufacturing Company, at Monroe; George J., a student in the public schools; and Fred C. and Carl C., both of whom are at home. The Kressbach residence is on Smith street.

THOMAS H. CARROLL. The Carroll family for more than half a century has been well represented in the business and industrial life of Monroe county, and has furnished upright citizens and worthy men and women to the social life of this vicinity.

Thomas H. Carroll was born in the city of Monroe, July 18, 1874, and was a son of the late John and Margaret (Rafter) Carroll. John Carroll, who was born in this county in 1840, was reared in the neighborhood of Stony Creek, and died in 1907, was a farmer during his early career and later for many years followed the occupation of miller. He was identified with old Waldorf mill, a pioneer institution, that stood on the site now occupied by the *Record Commercial*, in Monroe. Margaret Rafter Carroll, the mother, who is still living, was a daughter of James Rafter and her mother's name was Blue. Her father was a native of Ireland and became a pioneer settler of Monroe county, where he was a prosperous farmer and died at the advanced age of ninety-seven.

Thomas H. Carroll was educated in the city schools of Monroe, and afterward took a commercial course in the Detroit Business University. Throughout his active business career he has been connected with the American Express Company, beginning as a clerk, and in 1897 being advanced to the responsible place of local agent at Monroe, an office which he has held ever since.

Mr. Carroll, in 1906, married Miss Helen Crowley, a sister of Rev. Father Crowley, pastor of the St. John's Catholic church. Her father, James Crowley, was an old resident and prominent business man of Jackson, Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Carroll two children have been born, one of whom is deceased, and the other is named James Thomas. Mr. Carroll is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

CLINTON B. SOUTHWORTH. There is no one medium through which the status of any city is more clearly indicated than in the extent and character of its hotel facilities, and Monroe is signally favored in having as an exponent of this line of enterprise, the admirably conducted Park hotel, of which Mr. Southworth is owner and proprietor and which is uniformly recognized as the leading hotel of Monroe county, as well as one whose accommodations and service are of metropolitan order, such as lend definite prestige to the city and give to the proprietor an

established place as one of the popular and representative hotel men of his native state.

Clinton Byron Southworth was born in Monroe, on the 9th of July, 1868, and is a son of that honored pioneer and loved physician, the late Dr. Charles T. Southworth, to whom a memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work, so that further review of his career and of the family history is not demanded in the present connection. The public schools of his native city afforded Clinton B. Southworth his early educational advantages, and he was graduated in the local high school as a member of the class of 1885. He then entered the Detroit Business University, one of the admirable educational institutions of the Michigan metropolis, and in the same he was graduated in 1886, after the completion of a thorough commercial course. During the six ensuing years he was actively identified with the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing, and had charge of the fine farm owned by his father, in Frenchtown township, Monroe county. Though it has been his to achieve noteworthy success in a radically different line of enterprise, Mr. Southworth has never regretted his experience as a farmer and reverts to the same with satisfaction.

On the 1st of January, 1893, Mr. Southworth purchased of Edwin H. Kendricks, the valuable Park hotel property, and in this transaction he assumed a heavy indebtedness. That he has applied himself closely and effectively is shown in the fact that he has not only paid in full for the property but also made many improvements upon the building, which has been extensively remodeled, the while its furnishings and all other appointments have been brought up to high standard. It is one of the model hotels of southern Michigan, and the large and appreciative patronage accorded stands as the most effective voucher for the character of the service in all departments. The hotel has sixty guest rooms, with modern facilities; the spacious dining room is attractive in appointments and service; the lobby is homelike and provided with everything possible to add to the comfort of guests; and the absolute cleanliness that marks the entire house in every department of service has been a distinctive element in conserving its popularity with the traveling public and with citizens of Monroe and vicinity. Mr. Southworth has proved himself a most progressive and successful hotel man, and his efforts in his chosen field of enterprise have been creditable to himself and a matter of gratification to the community in which he has given a place of entertainment for those appreciative of these in hotel service.

Mr. Southworth has not confined his progressive work to merely private enterprise but is known as a most liberal and public-spirited citizen—one always ready to aid in the furtherance of measures and undertakings projected for the general good of the community. He is a stalwart adherent of the Republican party and he is, at the present time, the zealous and valued incumbent of the important office of president of the board of public works of his native city. In the time-honored Masonic fraternity he is affiliated with the following named organizations in his home city: Monroe Lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons; River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch

Masons; and Monroe Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templars. In the city of Detroit he is affiliated with the Moslem Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association, in the affairs of which he takes a lively interest. He and his family are valued and popular factors in the representative social activities of Monroe, and of these activities the Park hotel is largely a center.

On the 2d of July, 1887, Mr. Southworth was united in marriage to Miss Phily E. Osgood, who was born and reared in this county and who is a daughter of Frederick Osgood, an old and honored citizen of the state of Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Southworth have four children, concerning whom the following brief record is entered: Fred O. is connected with the printing department of the Boehme & Rauch Company, one of the most important industrial concerns of Monroe county; Maude A., who was graduated in the high school and who later attended the musical conservatory of St. Mary's College, in Monroe, is an accomplished musician and a leader in the social affairs of her home city; Charles T. assists his father in the management of the hotel; and James Granville likewise remains at the parental home.

PROF. AUSTIN W. GALE. For more than twenty years Professor Gale's School of Music has been an institution of recognized merit and a definite influence for culture and artistic efficiency in the city of Monroe. By a lifelong devotion to the art, Professor Gale has rendered a service not to be computed in the terms of business success but in the finer measures of esthetic values. Through his personal work and through the many individuals who have come under his instruction, musical tastes and standards have been elevated and the life of the community has been enriched.

Austin W. Gale, who was born in Raisinville township, Monroe county, May 21, 1858, represents one of the old families of this part of Michigan. The Gales settled here during the pioneer era, and the name has been associated with integrity and honor for many years. Professor Gale's father was the late William P. Gale, who was born in this county, was a prosperous farmer in Raisinville township, also conducted a store there and held the office of Raisinville postmaster, under various administrations for a number of years. His wife was Miss Harriet Dusenberry, who was born in New York, and after moving to Monroe county, she taught school until her marriage.

Austin W. Gale was educated primarily in the village school of Raisinville, and also in public school, in Monroe. Studied music in New York, Cincinnati and Detroit, having as his instructors Professor Dudley Buck, George D. Whiting, Otto Singer, and Professor Hahn. He also has several competent assistants connected with the school. In 1889 he opened his studio on Washington street in Monroe, and at this same location for more than twenty years has conducted a school of music which has a high name and prestige in Monroe and vicinity, its patronage always having come from the best families in this city and vicinity. As an instructor in piano and organ and in harmony, Professor Gale has been peculiarly successful, and besides his work as

teacher he has also been the inspiration of much musical activity in this city. He is a member of the Baptist church and for many years filled the position of church organist in the First Presbyterian church. He is considered one of the best organists in the state. The church recently showed its appreciation of his devoted services by an increase in his annual salary. Professor Gale is unmarried and he and his sister reside at 162 South Monroe street.

GUSTAVE C. MERZ. For a period of over thirty years the name Merz has been prominently identified with the mercantile activities of Monroe, and none of the merchants in the business district have enjoyed better reputation and higher standing in the community than Gustav C. Merz.

Mr. Merz was born in Louisville, Kentucky, December, 1859, but has spent most of his life in Monroe county. His parents were Christian and Elizabeth (Trost) Merz. His father, a native of Germany, when a young man emigrated to America and after landing in New York City came direct to Monroe county. A cabinet maker by trade, he followed that vocation here some years and later at Adrian, where he was in the car shops employed in the construction of passenger cars for a period of fifteen years. He then returned to Monroe, where he was connected with Eisennan's planing mill until failing health compelled him to retire. His death occurred in 1881, and his wife passed away several years later.

Gustav C. Merz attended first the schools at Adrian and then the high school of Monroe, which he left to become a clerk in the grocery store of C. M. Stocking, where he gained his early business experience. In 1879, in partnership with Julius Weiss, under the firm name of Weiss & Merz, he engaged in the drug business, with which line of merchandising he has ever since been identified. After fifteen years he bought out the interest of his partner, and has since been sole owner of one of the best and most complete drug stores in the city.

In 1895 Mr. Merz was united in marriage with Miss Frances Kirschgessner, daughter of Frank Kirschgessner, of this city. Mrs. Merz died on February 4, 1911. In citizenship as in business Mr. Merz has been known for a steady loyalty to his home city and a character for integrity in every part he has taken. In Masonic circles he is one of the prominent men of the county. His affiliations are with the Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., Monroe Chapter, R. A. M., Monroe Commandery No. 19, K. T., and the Moslem Temple of the Mystic Shrine, in Detroit.

WILLIAM E. STURN. One of the leading mercantile concerns of Monroe is the firm of Sturn, Kull & Sturn, clothiers and dealers in men's furnishings. The membership is composed of three enterprising young business men, all of them natives of Monroe and by lifelong residence thoroughly acquainted and held in the highest esteem both for their practical ability and pleasing personal characters. Their store is centrally located on Front street, and the size of the building is 24 x 125 feet. The stock carried is such as to suit the demands of a high-class patronage.

William E. Sturn of the above firm was born in the city of Monroe

in 1879, a son of Bernard and Matilda (Hoffman) Sturn, both of whom are respected old residents of this city. The father was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, where he spent his boyhood and received his education in the German schools, but was quite young when he emigrated to America, and from New York City came direct to Monroe, which has been his home for many years. After his marriage here he was engaged in the restaurant business for a time, and later was a confectioner, but is now living retired. His citizenship has been of high value to the city of his residence, and for a number of years he served as member of the board of public works. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of St. Michael's Catholic church.

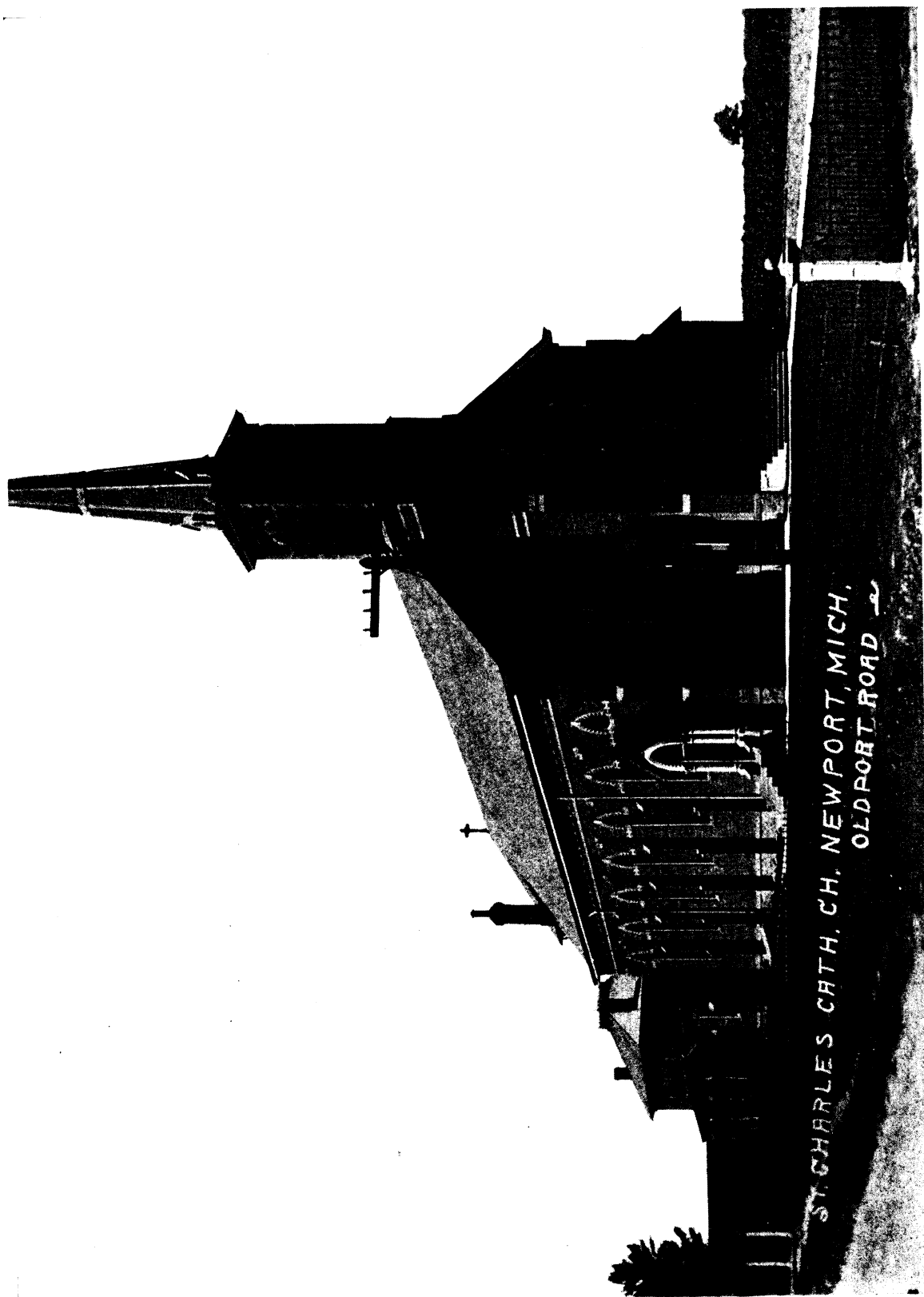
After his general education in the parochial, and then in the Monroe high school, William E. Sturn completed a business course in the Detroit Business College. His first practical experience was as bookkeeper for five years with the Monroe Stone Company. On leaving Mr. Wagner he formed the partnership association with his brother Frank S. and with Fred W. Kull in the establishment of the clothing business above described.

Mr. Sturn was married in 1906 to Miss Julia La Voy, daughter of Antoine and Elizabeth (McCadden) La Voy. Their marriage has been blessed with one son, William E., Jr. The family home, a residence with attractive surroundings, is located at 217 Monroe street. Mr. Sturn is a member of the Knights of Columbus. For recreation from business he spends his vacations in northern Michigan, part of the time at Bay View, where he enjoys good fishing, gentle breezes and freedom from mosquitoes.

FRANK S. STURN. A sterling representative of the younger generation of business men in the city of Monroe, Michigan, Frank S. Sturn is achieving unusual success as a member of the firm of Sturn, Kull & Sturn, dealers in clothing, hats, caps and gentlemen's furnishings. He represents one of the old families of the city of Monroe, where he was born September 12, 1883. He is a son of Bernard and Matilda (Hoffman) Sturn, the former of whom is mentioned elsewhere in this volume so that further information concerning the family history is not deemed necessary at this point.

The seventh in order of birth in a family of seven brothers, Frank S. Sturn received his preliminary educational training in the graded schools of Monroe, where he also attended high school. After leaving school he became a clerk in the store of J. S. Hoffman, a dealer in dry-goods. In 1900 he became associated with Mr. Hoffman in the clothing business and in 1903 he purchased Mr. Hoffman's stock, at No. 19 E. Front street, where the business has since been conducted with increasing success. A very select stock of clothing, hats, caps and men's furnishings are handled and the firm controls an extensive and very exclusive patronage. Mr. Sturn is a business man of marked capacity and his fair and honorable methods have won him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has dealings.

October 8, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sturn to Miss Louisa McCoy, a daughter of Jacob and Hulda (Moneyshith) McCoy.



ST. CHARLES CATH. CH. NEWPORT, MICH.
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ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEWPORT, MICHIGAN

REV. T. G. MORIN, PASTOR



Rev. J. G. Morris

At the time of her marriage Mrs. Sturn was a resident of St. Mary's, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Sturn have one daughter, Dorothy E., whose birth occurred on the 25th of July, 1910. The Sturn home is at No. 54 Humphrey street and is the scene of many attractive social gatherings. In their religious faith they are devout communicants of St. Michaels Catholic church. In a fraternal way Mr. Sturn is a valued and appreciative member of the Knights of Columbus.

REV. T. G. MORIN. Where eminent abilities and unblemished integrity, combined with unimpeachable virtue, derivable from the daily practice of religion and piety, contribute to adorn the character of an individual, then it is most proper that it be prominently set forth as an example to those who would make themselves useful to the rest of mankind. In this connection is given a brief sketch of the life and work of the Rev. T. G. Morin, pastor of St. Charles' Parish, of Newport, Michigan, a man who though still young in years, has accomplished great things in his field of labor. Rev. Father Morin was born at Erie, Monroe county, Michigan, December 14, 1875, and belongs to an old and prominent family of this section, being a son of James J. and Elizabeth (Trabbick) Morin, the latter the daughter of Peter Trabbick, an old pioneer settler of the county. In the family of his parents there were six sons and six daughters.

Rev. Morin received his elementary education in the public schools of Erie, Michigan, following which he pursued a three year course of study along commercial lines in St. Mary's Institute, at Dayton, Ohio. He then entered the University of Ottawa, at Ottawa, Ontario, where he completed his full university course of seven years at that institution. His theological studies were completed at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, Quebec, in 1904. The young cleric was ordained at Detroit, Michigan, by Bishop Foley, on December 17, 1904, and his first charge was as assistant at St. Peter and Paul's church, at Ionia, in Ionia county, Michigan, being later called to St. Mary's church, at Monroe, Michigan. After ten months of faithful service there as assistant to Rev. Father J. Joos, Father Morin was made chaplain of the Sacred Heart Academy, at Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and in October, 1907, came to Newport, to take charge of the parish of St. Charles, where he has continued to remain in the service of his church up to the present time. This church was built in 1885, and from a small beginning has continuously grown until today it has fifteen hundred communicants, one of the largest congregations in Monroe county, the church edifice having a seating capacity of five hundred and fifty.

Rev. Father Morin, who is yet in the prime of his vigorous young manhood, is ambitious and energetic, never tiring of good works among his beloved flock. His influence, always for the good, is felt throughout his parish, permeating the remotest nook and cranny, and the wholesome respect which he inspired upon his coming has not abated with the passing years, but has rather increased, as his people have grown to know him and learn something of the many admirable traits of the man. To the talents of pastor and teacher is added the learning of a scholar and literature, which, united with rare business tact and ability to

govern, has made him already a conspicuous figure in the church, and has gained to him the confidence, good will, and love of all classes, denominations and nationalities.

ST. CHARLES PARISH. It was in the year 1816 that a number of French Canadian families obtained land grants from the government in what is now Monroe county, Michigan, and there they settled and began the stupendous task of clearing the primeval forests and converting the wilderness district into a habitable place. At that time there was but one road crossing this section of the county, that being the United States turnpike, originally laid out by General Hull during the War of 1812.

In those early days the Catholic faith of these hardy people was fostered and kept alive by the missionary efforts of the Redemptorist Fathers, then in charge of St. Anne's church of Detroit. Until the year 1838 nothing was done towards the erection of a church, but in that year a modest log house was erected on the farm of Peter Allore, that place being located in the vicinity of the present church north of Swan creek. In this humble building divine services were held at irregular intervals by the Missionary Fathers as they journeyed to and fro between Detroit and Monroe until the year 1846, when the Mission of Swan Creek, as this parish was then known, was made a Mission of St. Francis Church of Ecorse. The Rev. Charles Deprete, a nephew of Rt. Rev. Peter Lefevre, then bishop of Detroit, was pastor of Ecorse, and this zealous and devoted priest exhorted the few resident families, which numbered eighteen, to erect a better church edifice, more in keeping with its sacred purpose. The resident families were represented by the following heads of homes: Peter Allore, Peter Brancheau, Sr., Peter Brancheau, Jr., David Brancheau, John Brancheau, Jeremias Beaubien, Dominic Couture, John Courier, Alex Laduke, Louis Laduke, Oliver Laduke, Alex Labeau, Francis Leroux, Alex Loranger, John B. Trombly, Francis Lozon, Leander Young and Leon Young.

Jeremias Beaubien generously donated two acres of land to the parish, located about one hundred rods southwest of the present church, on the United States turnpike, the land to be used for the church and to become church property. Here another log cabin, larger and in many ways more pretentious than the first, was erected, and its dedication took place in March, 1847. Immediately following its dedication a mission lasting seven days was preached by the Redemptorist Fathers Gillett and Francois of St. Mary's church, at Monroe, and to commemorate this event, which marked a crucial point in the history of the young church, as well as to perpetuate in the minds and hearts of the faithful a memento of its salutary effects, a large wooden cross, some twenty feet in height, was erected on a little mound near the church.

In the following year occurred the death of Jeremias Beaubien and soon thereafter the heirs of the deceased discovered that no deed for the two acres which he had donated to the church had ever been recorded, and it appearing that they were unwilling to grant a deed in verification of their father's gift to the church, the building was abandoned as a house of divine worship, and thus after their many years of struggle, it was written that the church of Mission of Swan Creek could boast of

little material progress, although the spiritual work of the little mission could not be gainsaid. The mission once more returned to the practice of its early days, viz., that of hearing Holy Mass in the hospitable homes of Peter Allore and Peter Brancheau, Sr.

In the year 1851, a friar named Louis Boissanno came to Swan Creek to instruct the children in the necessary knowledge of the fundamental truths contained in the Catechism, as an immediate preparation for First Holy Communion, and he conducted that class also in the home of Peter Allore. In the same year Rev. Fr. Deprete called another assembly of the faithful of Swan Creek Mission to renew the hope of erecting a church with the ultimate purpose of making it a parish with a resident pastor. To lend solemnity to the occasion the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lefevre, in company with his nephew, Rev. Charles Deprete, attended the meeting. The presence of the chief pastor of the diocese together with that of their own spiritual adviser, filled all with a holy enthusiasm, inspiring them to acts of generosity and with a great zeal for the work outlined by the bishop and their pastor. John B. Trombly donated an acre of land, giving a deed with a clear title to the property, the location of the land being on the river road about a half mile east of the United States turnpike. At the same meeting, Louis Laduke gave an acre of land for a cemetery. These gifts added an impetus to the general impulse, and the year 1852 witnessed renewed energy in the advancement of the cause of the church, and the humble mission of Swan Creek, after passing through all the trying circumstances incident to its formative period, soon became numbered among the parishes of the Diocese of Detroit. In the spring of 1853 the proposed new church, a large frame building, was completed. Because of the unabated and fatherly interest that Rev. Charles Deprete displayed in the Mission of Swan Creek, the new church and parish was dedicated to and bore the name of his patron saint, St. Charles Borromeo.

In July, 1853, Rev. John Van Gennip was appointed first resident pastor of St. Charles church, Newport, with Huron River, now Rockwood and Brest, as missions. No pastor's residence was built before 1871, and in the interim the resident pastors lived at the home of John B. Trombly. It may be of interest to mention the fact here that the first High Mass sung at Newport was on the day of dedication in the spring of 1853, when "La Messe Royale" was chanted by Messrs. August Loranger of Monroe, Sylvester Sancrainte of Newport, and Henry Menancon of Rockwood. The first organ purchased for this parish was in 1860, Miss Orelia Loranger, daughter of Moses Loranger, being the first church organist. Rev. Fr. Van Gennip remained in charge of Newport church until January, 1856, at which date he was transferred to St. Mary's church, at Monroe.

From 1856 to 1880 the little church, now prosperous and growing, pursued the quiet tenor of its way, not unlike the regular routing of a country parish. During this period of almost a quarter century the church witnessed a succession of pastors, not less than fourteen priests being appointed successively to the pastorate of St. Charles church and parish. They are here named, in the order of their service: Rev. Louis Lemagie, Rev. Remy J. Vander Hayden, Rev. Victor Girard, Rev. C. Ryckeart, Rev. D. Galleart, Rev. Adrian de Montanbriq, Rev. J. Hende-

kens, Rev. Charles Maugin, Rev. M. H. Schaeken, Rev. L. Hendricks, Rev. Peter de Smedt, Rev. E. Dekiere, Rev. E. Maesfranc and Rev. H. Kemper. None of the above named priests continued in charge of the parish for a longer period than two years, with the exception of Rev. Fr. Maesfranc, whose pastorate endured for four years. This frequent change was for the most part due to the gradual growth of the church in other parts of the diocese, and the fact that the limited sphere of service in a small country parish was insufficient to satisfy the zeal of these energetic and devoted fathers, they were in consequence called to other portions of the Lord's vineyard where they would exercise a wider influence.

Soon after the appointment of Rev. Fr. Kemper in the summer of 1880, he began to agitate the needs of the parish of a new church, to be constructed of brick and sufficiently large to meet the demands of the parish for many generations yet to come. In October, 1880, sickness compelled him to abandon his well-commenced labors in the parish and he was succeeded by Rev. Fr. Gauthier, D.D., who with undaunted energy and a fine courage carried forward the work of erecting the new church, and bringing that work to a successful consummation. Viewed in our own day, this edifice, erected thirty-one years ago, bespeaks much praise for the ability and efforts of Fr. Gauthier, as well as for the loyalty and spirit of sacrifice that was so openly manifested by the faithful members of the parish. On April 15, 1882, the corner stone of the church was laid. Serious illness caused a cessation in the labors of Fr. Gauthier about this time and he was succeeded in the parish by Rev. Fr. George Laugel on August 9, 1883. This worthy priest, guided by a prudent zeal, continued the work of Fr. Gauthier, and during the three years of his pastorate the new church was completed and furnished with appropriate equipment and furnishings of altar, pews, etc. In the summer of 1886 the present brick rectory was reared. On June 16, 1886, Rev. L. I. Brancheau, a native of the parish, was ordained to the priesthood, and soon after his ordination, on July 4, 1886, the young priest was sent to his native parish to minister to the spiritual wants of the people during the absence of Rev. Fr. Laugel, who had obtained permission to visit Europe on a mission of charity. Fr. Laugel returned to his parish on October 21 and remained in Newport until December 7th of that year, when he was called to Wyandotte and Rev. Fr. Brancheau succeeded him as pastor at Newport. He in turn, on October 9, 1890, was called to assist at the cathedral in Detroit, and left the parish of Newport with a pleasingly small indebtedness to clear away.

From October, 1890 to October, 1895, the parish was under the care of the Basilian Fathers, and during their brief regime the frequent change of pastors proved to be detrimental to the progress and spiritual as well as material development of the little parish. They were succeeded by Rev. H. Syoen on October 1, 1895, and it is well established that his untiring efforts did much to bring the parish up to its present efficient standing, under the ministrations of its present pastor, Rev. T. G. Morin.

Rev. Fr. Morin was appointed to the pastoral charge of St. Charles' parish on October 12, 1907, and under his watchful care the parish has

gradually advanced in matters both spiritual and temporal. At this writing the project of a parochial school has been launched, which bids fair to meet with good success in the parish.

Taking a retrospective view of the past thirty years of the life of this community, one must inevitably be impressed with the sturdy, insistent and zealous labors of this people, who have striven so worthily in their laudable ambition to spread the gospel of Christ in its community, and to maintain for His greater honor and glory, a worthy and fitting house of worship in their midst. The effect of their spiritual labors has been felt in every sphere of activity in the town of Newport and vicinity, and to them and the faithful Fathers who have guided them in their work and directed the upward path of their spiritual progress, all praise is due and heartily rendered.

MRS. CHRISTIANA C. WILLING, the widow of Christian Willing, of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, is one of the most highly respected women of her community. Of good old German stock she is a good representation of all the virtues that ordinarily implies. Upright, sincere and kind, she has fulfilled in a commendable fashion all the duties demanded of her as wife, mother, and neighbor. An excellent cook and neat housewife, her home has been the envy of many not possessed of her Teutonic qualities.

Mrs. Willing was born in Germany April 23, 1842, the daughter of Christ and Christiana (Cull) Seip, both of whom were natives of Germany. When they reached America, and it was in after years a family joke, they had nothing but their six children to begin their life in the new country. Christiana was eight years old when they left the old country for America. There were no fast ocean greyhounds in those days, and the family came across the ocean in a sailboat, spending three long months on the water, from May until August. After landing they came immediately to Monroe county, where they lived until the death of Mr. and Mrs. Seip. Mrs. Willing had seven brothers and sisters, three of whom, Fred, Mathew, and Lena, wife of John Schneider of Erie, Michigan, are still living.

Mrs. Willing was confirmed in the Lutheran church of Monroe and is still a member of that church. On November 27, 1866, she married William Betzner of Indiana, who died June 9, 1874. Two children from their marriage are still living, Adam Betzner, and Sopha, wife of Charles Hubbard. In 1878 Mrs. Willing was married again, this time to Christian Willing, and four children were born to them, three of whom, Fred, Charles and Carrie Willing, are still living. Mr. Willing died July 16, 1901.

WILLIAM J. LUFT. One of the progressive business men of Monroe is William J. Luft, who began his career in one of the local stores as a clerk, and by business ability and industry has become one of the successful merchants of the city.

Mr. Luft was born in the city of Monroe, February 4, 1869, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Sellman) Luft. The family has been identified with Monroe county since the early fifties, and its members have been

substantial workers and worthy citizens. The father was born in 1839 in Wittneberg, Germany, where he received his early education, and then in 1851 came to the United States and direct to Monroe county with his parents. The family first bought a farm of forty acres, and the father spent the rest of his youth there and was engaged in farming throughout his active career. He became the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, and in raising stock and grain conducted a business with excellent success. His death occurred on the home farm in 1910. His wife died there in 1883. There were four children: William J.; George A., a farmer; Anna P.; and Walter W., also a farmer.

During his boyhood William J. Luft attended the district schools and later Monroe high school, and in his seventeenth year returned to the farm. Soon afterward he entered the employ of Fred W. Meier Wallpaper and Book store, later with L. W. Newcomer, clothing firm, and was identified with that business for ten years, during which time he laid the basis of his successful business career. In 1906 he was able to buy out Mr. Newcomer's interest, and at that date formed the present well-known firm of Luft-Bice Company, whose store at 22 East Front street is one of the popular trading places for clothing and men's furnishing goods. Mr. J. B. Bice is the other principal partner.

Mr. Luft served during the Spanish-American war, as a sergeant in Company M, Thirty-first Michigan Volunteer Infantry, until muster out of regiment (thirteen months), serving three months in Cuba.

He was married on October 24, 1905, to Miss Rosa E. Sturn, daughter of Fred and Margaret (Reyer) Sturn, a family which has also been well-known through its connection with business affairs in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Luft are the parents of one son, Karl H. The family are all members of the Zion Lutheran church. For many years Mr. Luft has taken a prominent part in the National Guard of Michigan, having been a member for the past seventeen years, and for six years was captain of Company D, of the First Michigan Infantry. In Masonry he affiliates with Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., with River Raisin Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., and with Monroe Commandery No. 19, K. T., and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Both as a business man and citizen, he is one of the men who endeavor to promote the highest welfare of their community, and whose co-operation is always forthcoming when needed.

ALBERT M. MONORE. One of the enterprising, progressive, and therefore successful and prosperous farmers of Exeter township, and one of the leading citizens of this part of the county, Albert M. Monore presents for contemplation, in himself and in his achievements, a fine specimen of elevated and serviceable American manhood and Michigan citizenship of the best kind. In all the relations of life he has ever been true to the call of duty, and he has taken a broad view of his associations with his fellow men and what he owes them in service, influence and example, although he is far too modest and genuine in his merit to make any such claims for himself.

Mr. Monore is a native of Monroe county, was reared among its people, obtained his education in its public schools and has never had any other home or desire for one. He is therefore wholly a product

of the county and one of its most loyal and representative men. He was born on his father's farm in Exeter township on March 1, 1864, the first child in a family of twelve, and is a son of Sancomb and Elizabeth (Woodward) Monore, the former born in 1836 and the latter in 1844, on March 23, both in this county. The grandfather, Andrew Monore, was a native of Canada. The great-grandparents on the father's side came to Canada from France at an early day and were highly esteemed in the part of the Dominion in which they lived. Andrew's wife, the grandmother of Albert, was Miss Emma Decussier before her marriage, a daughter of one of the first judges in Monroe county, and here both the grandparents died. Their son Sancomb grew to manhood at Brest, in this county, and for years was a freighter on the river and lake. On May 7, 1863, he married Elizabeth Woodward, a daughter of William Woodward, who was born in England, and who married Miss Elizabeth Robinson, a native of London, in that country. Both died in this county, having come here soon after their marriage. They had eight children, six sons and two daughters: William, Stephen, Robert, Edwin, Elizabeth, Mary, John, and Benjamin. Stephen and Edwin died early in life. Elizabeth married Sancomb Monore, as has been shown, and Mary married Adelbert Wilson.

Sancomb Monore, after his marriage, located on a tract of woodland improved with only a rude log cabin and a log stable. This land comprised fifty acres which he cleared and improved from year to year, until he converted it into a good farm. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, ten of whom are living: Albert M., the interesting subject of this brief review; Robert, whose home is at Carleton; Harvey, who resides at Williamsburg, Iowa; James, who lives in Exeter township, this county; George, who is a resident of Sumpter township; Alvin, whose abiding place is Carleton; Lawrence, who lives in Ash township, near Carleton; Benton, who is a member of the police force in Detroit; Fanny, who is the wife of a Mr. Dewey and lives in Toledo, Ohio; and Mary, whose home is also in Toledo.

The father was a devout churchman and belonged during his later years to the Episcopal church, although he was reared a Catholic. He died in 1905 in the sixty-second year of his age, universally respected for his sterling worth and high character; and the mother is now living in Carleton, where she has a very attractive and comfortable home. Like her husband in his lifetime, she enjoys in a marked degree the regard and good-will of all who know her, and like him she is worthy of every good opinion bestowed upon her, for her life has been upright and useful, and she has given the people of Monroe county a fine example of genuine womanhood and motherhood.

Lawrence, the son, was reared on the home farm and assisted his father in clearing and cultivating it as it was cleared and made ready for crops. After his father's death he remained at home and stood by his mother, aiding zealously in all her undertakings. He was educated in the district school, near the farm, and the lessons of the school were supplemented by the teachings and example of his parents, which admonished him to be industrious and honest, an excellent foundation for success in life.

At the age of twenty-six, Albert Monore was married to Miss Minnie Eckhoff, a young lady of good family and educated to the limit of her opportunities. She has been a good and very helpful companion for him, and has aided him in all his struggles for advancement by good counsel and by more substantial assistance, doing her part in every way to hasten his progress. She is a daughter of the late Michael Eckhoff, now deceased, of this county, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Monore bought forty acres of land, which he improved and then sold, after which he immediately bought more land. He now owns two excellent farms, among the best in Exeter township, on which he has two good houses and three barns, first rate fences and other necessary improvements. Together the farms comprise 160 acres of land, and they are conveniently divided into fields of suitable size for cultivation, pasturage and handling in any way. The dwelling which he occupies with his family contains twelve rooms and is comfortably and attractively furnished.

On this land Mr. Monore carries on general farming and raising livestock, principally dairy cattle and hogs, and as he is careful and skillful in both branches of his industry he makes both profitable, being one of the most successful farmers and live-stock men in the township, or for that matter, in the whole of Monroe county. He is studious of his business, keeps posted as to the best methods in conducting every part of it, and applies the results of his reading and observation on the subject with good judgment and assiduous industry. The returns he gets for his labor are logical results of his care and intelligence in planning for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Monore have five children: Clayton, who is now (1912) twenty-one years old; Oria; Muney; Claudie, and Donald. The father is an ardent Democrat in political faith and allegiance, and an energetic worker for the success of his party, although he is not himself desirous of any of the honors or emoluments it has to bestow, even though his general popularity might win almost any local office for him if he chose to seek one. He is square and honorable in all his dealings, and where he pledges his word he as good as gives his bond for the performance of his promise. He is besides frank, genial and hospitable, obliging to his neighbors and friends and liberal to all public interests of a worthy character. Among the citizens of Exeter township none stands higher in public estimation, and none deserves to.

ELIJAH M. LAMKIN. One of the venerable citizens of Monroe county, who has spent many years within its borders, and readily recalls incidents and experiences of the pioneer days of this section, is Elijah M. Lamkin, of section 1, London township, who also holds prestige as a veteran of the great Civil war. Born on the banks of the Raisin river, September 6, 1830, he is a son of Oziah and Laura (Martin) Lamkin.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Lamkin was Benjamin Lamkin, a native of New York, the Empire state, and a member of one of the old and distinguished families of the Empire state, from whence five of his sons came to Monroe county, Michigan, settling in the forest and clearing

farms from the wilderness. They were: Calvin, Oziah, Wiley, Robert, and Orren. Oziah Lamkin married Laura Martin, also a native of New York, and a daughter of Elijah and Hannah (Herkimer) Martin, the latter of whom was born at Little Falls, New York, and was a granddaughter of Gen. Herkimer, an officer in Washington's Continental army, after whom Herkimer county, New York, was named. Oziah Lamkin came to Monroe county some time after his marriage, and spent the remainder of his life here, dying in Exeter township, at the age of forty-seven years, while his wife passed away when she was forty-nine years of age. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Elijah M.; Benjamin, who was a soldier during the Civil war; Hannah; Susan; Frederick; Oliver, who was a soldier in the Union army, and now resides at Milan, Michigan; Perry, at home; George and Ira are deceased.

Elijah M. Lamkin was reared to agricultural pursuits, and received such educational advantages as were afforded by the district schools of his day. On attaining his majority, he commenced to work on the farms of the neighboring agriculturists, and he was so engaged at the time of his enlistment, in August 1861, in the Eleventh Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Chamberlin, Company I, Col. Stulz. Soon after going into camp, the regiment was ordered south to Louisville, Kentucky, and subsequently participated in the battles of Gallatin, Tennessee, Elk river, Stone river, Chickamauga and Chattanooga. Mr. Lamkin had been suffering from inflammation of the eyes, and at Chattanooga his sufferings became so severe that he could no longer remain with his company and was sent to the hospital. Later, he was removed to the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, where he was put in charge of the hospital as steward, continuing as such for eight months and then receiving his honorable discharge. He had an excellent record as a brave and gallant soldier, and as one who at all times did his full duty cheerfully and faithfully.

Returning home after his career as a soldier, Mr. Lamkin resumed farming, and in 1865 was married to Miss Martha D. Sabin, a woman of intelligence and good family, who made him an excellent helpmeet, and for forty-seven years has done her share in making a home and in developing the interests of the community. She was born near Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, the old Keystone state, daughter of Dr. Lakin Sabin and granddaughter of Jesse W. Sabin, of Massachusetts, and Jesse was a soldier in the War of 1812. Lakin Sabin married Electa Morton, who was born in Vermont, daughter of Robert Morton, and she died at the age of forty-one years, in 1849. Mr. Sabin, who was a farmer and teacher, died at the age of eighty-five years. At the time of his marriage, Mr. Lamkin resumed farming, but subsequently engaged in the sawmill business and also conducted a brick and tile factory at old Herkimer. This, however, did not prove a financial success, and he eventually again turned his attention to tilling the soil in London township, where he owns two farms, of ninety and sixty-five acres, respectively. He is now the owner of a fine brick residence, built in 1893, with eight rooms and porches, a barn 36 x 90, with annex 30 x 40 feet, and other buildings of proportionate dimensions. He has

been successful in his undertakings, and is considered one of the substantial men of his community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamkin have had six children, as follows; Mrs. Effie Dolbee; Mrs. Electa Bedell; Sydney, a general builder, who manages his own farm in addition to the old homestead; Mrs. Alice Smuck; Libbie, the wife of Delos Lamkin; and Mrs. Lillie Vedder, the last two named being twins. Mr. Lamkin is a staunch Republican in his political views, but has never cared for public office, although he has done his duty as a public-spirited citizen by serving efficiently in the capacity of school director of London township. He and Mrs. Lamkin are consistent members and liberal supporters of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Many changes have taken place since Mr. Lamkin studied his lessons in the little old log schoolhouse in the Palmer district, and he and wife can look back over a long and useful career, satisfied in the knowledge that they have done their share in bringing these changes about, and that their children have grown up to sturdy manhood and womanhood, a credit to their breeding and community, and an honor to their parents.

COLUMBUS DURBIN. A veteran of the war for the Union and a substantial farmer and public-spirited citizen, Columbus Durbin has been identified with Exeter township for a period of forty-five years and was the first settler on the site of the village of Scofield.

Mr. Durbin was born in Ohio, the good old Buckeye state, on the 27th of October, 1837. His parents, Thomas and Abby (Collins) Durbin, both natives of Ohio, were quiet and substantial farming people and good citizens. They have three living children, Columbus, Serepta and Lucinda. The father died when Columbus was twelve years old and his mother then married Joseph Johnson, who had been a soldier in the War of 1812.

Columbus Durbin during his youth attended a log-cabin school, and his advantages were limited, but he has been a lifelong reader and student of men and affairs. He was twenty-six years old when he responded to the call of patriotism and enlisted in July, 1863, in the Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry, in Captain Brigg's Company, and the regiment commander being Colonel Lemert, a gallant, hard-fighting Irishman. The regiment was under Burnside's command for a time, and then was sent south and saw considerable hard service. One time it performed a forced march, with baggage, one hundred miles to Cumberland Gap in three days, to relieve General Burnside's forces in Virginia. This regiment also had the distinction of capturing General John Morgan, in southeastern Ohio.

After a good record as a soldier and an honorable discharge, Mr. Durbin returned home, and in 1868 came to Lenawee county, Michigan, and soon afterward to Monroe county, which has since been his permanent home. On the townsite of Scofield he bought the first lot of land and put up the first dwelling house of the village. He later sold that property and bought one hundred and sixty acres of wild land in the township, and set to work to make it one of the best farms in this vicinity, his two sons having been his right-hand aids in improving and perfecting this country estate.

He was married at the age of twenty-two to Miss Alvira Hughes, and together they have worked for their home and a substantial prosperity. Mrs. Durbin was born in Wayne county, Ohio, one of the sixteen children of Hugh and Phebe (Ayers) Hughes. Her brother, Hugh Jr., was also a soldier of the Eighty-sixth Ohio, and now lives in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Durbin have had four children, two of whom, Octavus and Thomas, died in infancy, and the others are: Lemert, who was named for the colonel of the Eighty-sixth Ohio; and Fremont, named for the Pathfinder, the General and the presidential candidate. Both sons are genial bachelors, living at home, and very able farmers and good citizens.

Mr. Durbin has been a staunch Republican from almost the beginning of the party. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church. The Durbin home is noted for its old-fashioned hospitality and its fine ideals of personal character and citizenship, and its members are all representative people of Monroe county.

Mr. Durbin, one of the pioneers of Monroe county, especially Exeter township, is a gentleman of high standing as to honor and integrity, as well as one of the noble defenders of the Union, when the clouds of war threatened the dissolution of the states, receives the homage of all who know the venerable old gentleman. He is a man who is a reader, as well as a logical thinker, and the wisdom he modestly distributes is appreciated by the youth as well as the aged. Being a product of the old Buckeye state "The Mother of Presidents," he feels a just pride in his birth state. Mr. Durbin's hospitable home is ably presided over by his estimable wife, and its atmosphere is that of a peaceful and contented home. Almost three-quarters of a century has passed over this good man's head, and yet Father Time has dealt gently with him, and it is with pleasure that the publishers of this valuable work ascribe to him this eulogium.

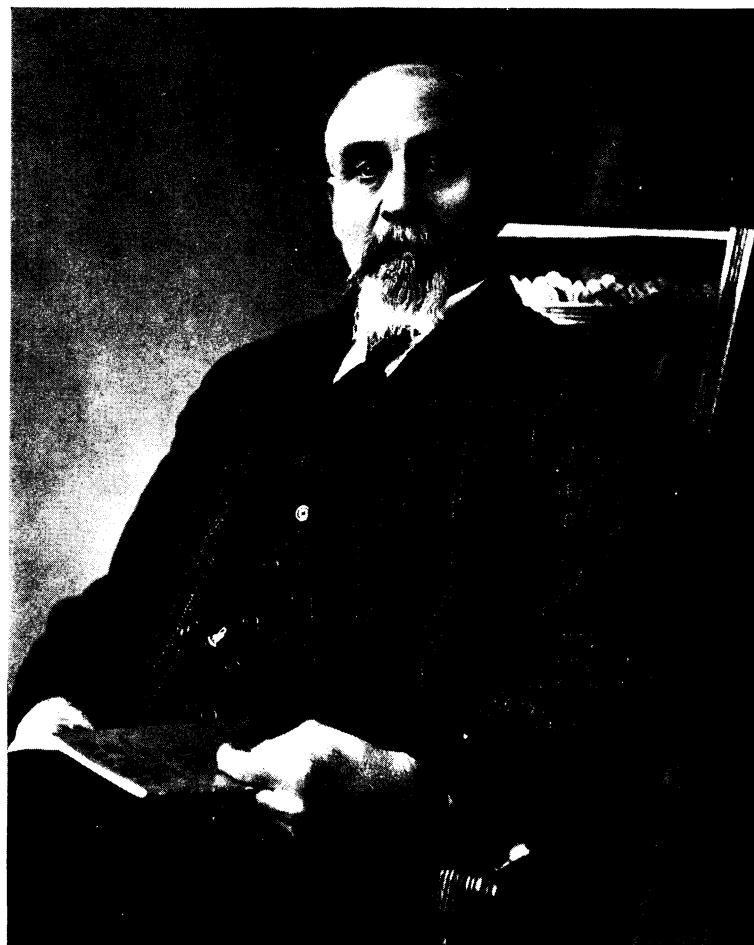
HOWARD McLAUGHLIN. Practical scientific farming is taking the place of the old hit-or-miss style of former days, and as a result, land which at one time could be bought for almost nothing is today worth hundreds of dollars per acre. Much of this advance has been brought about by the use of modern machinery and the application of scientific methods, as well as by general progress and increase of population, but as a general rule the farmers throughout Monroe county have recognized the value of modern intensive farming, and are profiting materially thereby. One of the finely-cultivated tracts of Ash township is that of Howard McLaughlin, members of whose family have lived in this locality since 1837. He was born on the old homestead farm here, March 10, 1865, and is a son of Briance and Kate (Armstrong) McLaughlin, natives of Pennsylvania, who belonged to an old Scotch family noted for its traits of industry and thrift. Mr. McLaughlin's parents had eleven children, of whom the following survive: Frederick, Carrie, Ettie, Jessie and Howard, the others having died young.

Howard McLaughlin was educated in the district schools of his native locality, and was reared on the old Ash township farm, where he assisted his father in the work of clearing and cultivating. At the age of twenty-one years he was married to Miss Emma Todd, who was born,

reared and educated in Ash township, and was a daughter of Nathan Todd, one of the early settlers of Ash township, who died in May, 1912. He was for sixty years a resident of Ash township, whence he had come from Columbiana county, Ohio, being also of Scotch ancestry, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Jones, was also a native of the Buckeye state. Of their seven children, four are now living: John W., of New Boston, Michigan; Mary Cronemoett, of Ash township; Emma, who married Mr. McLaughlin; and Alexander; while the three who are deceased are: Ben; Mrs. Minerva Barnum, who died aged thirty-nine years; and Mrs. Jane Harwood. Mr. Todd was a leading farmer, and also took an active part in politics, staunchly supporting the principals and candidates of the Democratic party. His widow, who survives him, still makes her residence on the old home farm. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have three children: Theodora, who is eighteen years of age; Katie, who is thirteen years old; and Clifford, aged six years.

Mr. McLaughlin is well supplied with modern machinery and appliances, not only for his farm work, but in fitting out his home. His farm is conducted according to the latest improved methods, and his premises and fields attest to his good management and thrift. In political matters, like his father, he is a Democrat, but the public field has not lured him from his private interests, his agricultural operations satisfying his ambitions. However, he has at all times been ready to lend his aid and influence in forwarding movements for the welfare of Ash township of Monroe county, and has contributed liberally to the needs of his community. Frank and genial in manner, he has hosts of friends, and his honorable methods and honesty of purpose have gained him the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens throughout this section.

JOHN L. SIGLER. The Grand Army of the Republic is worthy of the respect of every patriotic citizen in the land. It represents a body of men, rapidly growing smaller and smaller, who responded to the call of duty when their country needed them, and who faltered not when the trying times came. These men suffered that their country might live; they were heroes of the greatest strife the world has ever known; they fought for principle and not for conquest, and because of their noble deeds and heroism our country is today the greatest and best on the face of the globe. Monroe county, Michigan, donated its full quota of men to the ranks of the Union army, furnishing some of the hardest-fighting regiments of the Federal forces, and among those who left the comfort of their homes for the perils to be encountered at the front, were many who were still only a part way through their 'teens. In this class was John L. Sigler, a well-known citizen of Berlin township, who responded to his country's call and fought bravely in defense of its flag. Mr. Sigler was born in Ash township, Monroe county, Michigan, January 8, 1844, a son of John and Sarah (Haley) Sigler, natives of New York. John Sigler left the Empire state as a young man and came to Michigan, the rest of his life being spent in agricultural pursuits in Ash township. He met his death at the age of fifty-four years, being killed by a car, the approach of which he had not heard on account of defective hearing. He was a Democrat in politics, and his religious



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belief was that of the Baptist church, in the faith of which his widow died at the age of seventy-two years. They had a family of four children: Walter, who was a soldier in the Eleventh Michigan Cavalry, and met his death during the Civil war, being buried in West Virginia; Susan and Charles Henry, who are also deceased; and John L.

John L. Sigler was educated in the district schools and was reared on the old homestead farm in Ash township, which he assisted his father to clear. Subsequently he went to the lumber woods, and also worked in a sawmill until his enlistment, September 7, 1864, in the Fourth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, Capt. George H. Rathburne, of Dundee; Col. J. U. Haller, of Ypsilanti. The regiment went into camp at Adrian, Michigan, but a short time later was ordered to Decatur, Alabama, where they participated in a battle. Subsequently they engaged in several other minor battles in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. At Murphreesboro, Tennessee, Mr. Sigler's regiment was in a hot fight lasting three and one-half hours and captured nine pieces of artillery and eighty-eight prisoners, under Gen. Thomas, of the Fourth Corps, Army of the Cumberland, the regiment then being ordered to New Orleans, Louisiana, and across the Gulf to Indianola, Texas. They then moved up the Rio Grande river to Green Lake, and the march was undertaken across the great Salt Plains, but this expedition proved disastrous, many of the men dying of thirst on the route. Mr. Sigler suffered greatly on this march, his tongue becoming so parched and swollen that he could not speak, while the first nourishment that he was able to take was one teaspoonful of coffee. Eventually the regiment arrived at San Antonio, Texas, where it remained two months, there gaining strength to make the march to Houston, at which place the men were mustered out of the service and sent back to Detroit, Michigan, where they received their honorable discharge and final pay. On his return from the war, Mr. Sigler took up the occupation of peace, settling down to farming, in which he has been engaged ever since. He has a nice home, containing seven rooms, tastefully and comfortably furnished, and his entire property is in the best of condition. In addition to general farming he has a large orchard, raises berries, and carries on stock-raising to some extent, and the successful manner in which he has carried on his affairs stamps him as one of his community's capable men.

At the age of twenty-five years Mr. Sigler was married to Mary A. Madison, daughter of John Madison. One of her brothers was a soldier in the Fourth Michigan Infantry during the Civil war and died at San Antonio, Texas, where he was buried. To Mr. and Mrs. Sigler there were born nine children, of whom eight grew to maturity: George, William, Albert, John, deceased, Jennie, Julia, Libbie, Lewis and also Frank (Libbie and Lewis being twins). Mrs. Sigler died in 1896, and Mr. Sigler was married (second) to Mary Ann Fountain Madison, who was born in Monroe county, and died at the age of sixty years. Happy in his declining years, Mr. Sigler can never forget the hardships he suffered during the war, nor can those who know and admire him for his many sterling qualities of mind and heart.

PETER J. ZINK. The fertile fields of Monroe county have furnished some of its best citizens with the means of working out their life's destiny, and of laying up for themselves a comfortable provision for later years. Farming requires hard, unrelenting work, and to carry it on successfully requires good management and an intelligent knowledge of all of its details. The possession of these qualities have made Peter J. Zink, of section 2, Exeter township, one of the substantial agriculturists of his section of the county, while his public spirit and progressive ideas have given him marked prestige among his fellows. Like many other agriculturists of this part of the state, Mr. Zink resides on land that has been the property of the family for many years, as his father, John A. Zink, came to Monroe county as a youth of eight years, with his father, Jacob J. Zink.

John A. Zink received his education in the district schools, primitive structures built of logs, but the greater part of his time was spent in the school of hard work, as his services were needed on the home farm in cutting down the timber, grubbing it out of the ground and preparing the soil for cultivation. In addition to this he worked early and late in the old Zink sawmill that was located on the farm, so that he had little chance to attend school even during the short winter terms. However he managed to secure a fairly good education, and years of observation made him an intelligent man, while much reading kept him well informed on the live issues of the day. As he grew to manhood he acquired portions of the original homestead, and eventually became one of the substantial agriculturists of his locality, doing well his part in improving the county, and being honored and respected by all. His death occurred July 27, 1909, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Gertrude Luke, still survives him and has reached the age of seventy-two years. They had a family of four sons and three daughters, as follows: Elizabeth; John, a carpenter, of Toledo, Ohio; Mary Albert, also living in Toledo; Lucius, of Exeter township; Maggie, and Peter J. The parents were Lutherans, and the children were reared in that faith, being taught lessons of integrity and sobriety that have assisted them greatly in their after lives.

Peter J. Zink received his education in the district schools of Exeter township, and was reared to the life of an agriculturist, which he has followed throughout a busy and useful career. He is now engaged in cultivating the home farm, a well-improved property, on which is located a large, modern eleven-room house, comfortably and tastefully furnished, which is surrounded by shade trees. In addition there are good, substantial barns and well-appointed outbuildings, the farm is well fenced, and the pasture lands and grain fields are in the finest condition. Mr. Zink carries on general mixed and dairy farming, and his efforts have met with well-deserved success. He is well known throughout Exeter township, where his word is considered as good as his bond, while personally he is genial and frank in manner and a pleasing conversationalist.

On May 1, 1912, Mr. Zink was married to Miss Catherine Kiley, a woman of intelligence and good breeding, who was born and educated in

Monroe county, and is a daughter of Thos. Kiley, a farmer of Exeter township.

HENRY A. ZINK. This genial, upright, progressive and highly esteemed farmer is a native of Monroe county and has passed the whole of his life to this time (1912) in Exeter township. He was born on the old homestead farm, on which he now lives, on May 24, 1883, and was reared on that farm and educated in the neighborhood public school. He has never been engaged in any other business than farming and raising live stock, and has been successful in both branches of his industry.

Mr. Zink is the son of Philip and Catherine (Kramer) Zink, the former born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1835, and the latter in the state of New York, in 1850. The father was one of the most highly respected and esteemed of the early settlers of Exeter township, prominent and influential in the public affairs of the township, and is well worthy of the record of his usefulness, high character and business success which the publishers of this volume are well pleased to give in these pages.

Philip Zink was but a young boy when he came to this country with his parents and the family found a new home in Niagara county, New York. He grew to manhood in that county and obtained his education there. There also he was married in 1865 to Miss Catherine Kramer, being at the time not far past twenty-nine years old. In 1871 they moved to Monroe county and located on a farm in the woods in Exeter township, which Mr. Zink purchased immediately on their arrival here. The farm was then improved with a log cabin built by its first occupant, and only a few acres of it were cleared. He cleared the rest and improved it all, adding to it by subsequent purchases until he owned fifty-two acres, on which he had a modern nine room house, good barns, sheds and other necessary structures.

Mr. and Mrs. Zink were the parents of four children: Philip, Jr., who lives on a farm of his own one mile and a half north of the old homestead, and is married; Mary, who is the wife of Lewis Shumacker of Exeter township; Henry A., who is unmarried and lives on the old homestead farm, and Clara Elizabeth, who has her home with her brother Henry, and looks after the affairs of the household for him. Their mother died on April 26, 1891, and the father afterward married Miss Dorothy Schoelles, who was born in Germany, the daughter of Philip Schoelles, who died in Niagara county, New York, many years ago well esteemed in his neighborhood.

Philip Zink died on October 15, 1910, and on November 18, the same year, his daughter followed him to the other world. Both had lived high in the regard of the people of the township, and when their final summons came their demise was deeply lamented, although they had passed their lives in active and continued usefulness, bestowing generous hospitality in their home and energetic in behalf of all good agencies at work in their community for the benefit of its people.

Henry A. Zink is engaged in progressive general farming and raising live stock, his specialties in the latter branch of his industry being cattle and hogs. He conducts all his operations with intelligence and care,

omitting no attention or effort necessary on his part to secure the best results in both the volume and the quality of his productions. He is studious of his business in all respects, and is well fixed for it, having a fine farm well arranged for his purposes, and highly improved and skillfully cultivated. He is also deeply and practically interested in the progress and improvement of his community and the enduring welfare of its residents. He is one of the best and most representative of its men.

JAMES L. MONORE. Although not a resident of Monroe county, James Monore, of Sumpter township, Wayne county, Michigan, has lived here so long that he is widely known throughout this section, where he holds prestige as the owner of one of the finest properties in his locality. He was born on the farm of his father, in Monroe county, and is a son of Sancomb and Elizabeth (Woodward) Monore, and a grandson of Andrew and Emma (Decussier) Monore, French-Canadians who settled in Monroe county at an early date.

Sancomb Monore was born in Frenchtown, Monroe county, on Lake Erie, and there became a boatman and fisherman. On May 7, 1863, he was married to Elizabeth Woodward, who was born March 22, 1844, in Monroe county, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Robinson) Woodward, natives of England. Mrs. Monore's parents had eight children, namely: William; Stephen, who is deceased; Elizabeth Monore; Mrs. Mary Wilson; Robert; Edwin, who is deceased; John, and Benjamin. After his marriage Mr. Monore settled in the woods of Monroe county, near the Wayne county line, where he cleared a small tract of land and erected a log cabin. There he continued to reside until his death, each year improving his property and adding to it until he had one of the finest farms in the locality. He and his wife had a family of twelve children, of whom two died in infancy, while the others were: Albert, living in Exeter township; Robert, of Carleton; Harvey, living in Williamsburg, Iowa; James, of Sumpter township; George, living in Sumpter township; Alvin, of Carleton; Lawrence; Burton, a Detroit policeman; Fannie, who married Justin Dewey, of Toledo, Ohio; and Mary, who is single and lives in Toledo. Mr. Monore was a man of genial manner, was hard-working and industrious, and left a handsome property to his children. He was reared in the Catholic faith, but was later converted to the Protestant faith, and became a member of the Evangelical church, as did also his wife, residing in Carleton, Michigan. Her mother had died when she was nine years of age, and her father three years later. Mr. Monore passed away in 1905, at the age of sixty-two years.

James Monore was educated in the district schools of his native locality, and his boyhood and youth were spent in the hard work of the home farm. On attaining his majority, he started out to work by the month, in order to obtain a start in the world, putting into practice the habits of industry and honesty that had been taught him by his parents. When he was twenty-six years of age, he was married to Miss Louise Helzemann, of Augusta, Michigan, a young woman of culture and refinement, who has proven an able helpmate. She is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Helzemann, well-known and highly-esteemed people of

Augusta, who are now deceased, they having been the parents of four sons and five daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Monore have had three children: Ray R., who is fifteen years of age; Rhoda, who is twelve; and Harley, who is five years of age.

Mr. James L. Monore is an able and industrious agriculturist, and has developed one of the fine farms of Sumpter township, Wayne county, Michigan. He has a nice modern residence, of eight rooms, tastefully and comfortably furnished, with modern conveniences and appurtenances. This property is well situated, being three and one-half miles from Carleton, and is devoted to the raising of grain and the breeding of livestock, in both of which lines Mr. Monore has been more than moderately successful. A Democrat in his political views, the high esteem in which he is held in his community has been made evident by his election to the position of member of the township school board, on which he has served for a number of years. He is highly regarded in the locality in which he has spent so many years, and has drawn around him a wide circle of warm personal friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Monore have greatly enhanced the value of their excellent farm, by erecting a beautiful modern residence, large commodious barns and outbuildings for housing their grains and stock from the rigorous winters. Mrs. Monore, like her husband, is cordial and genial, and she has performed nobly her part as a devoted wife and mother, and the portals of their comfortable home are ever open to their many friends.

LEVI E. WHITE. From the dawn of his manhood to the beginning of the Civil war this highly esteemed citizen of Oakville, London township, this county, was an industrious and skillful mechanic, working faithfully at his trades as a carpenter and millwright, and dreaming of nothing less, perhaps, than military service or renown. He was engaged in the pursuits and multiplying the productions of peaceful industry, looking forward, no doubt to a comfortable establishment in life and a long career of useful labor in his lines of endeavor. But when the war cloud lowered, and armed resistance to the mandates of the government threatened the dismemberment of the Union, he promptly took his place in the ranks mustered for its defense and marched to the field, turning his back on all his previous plans, and hopes and aspirations.

The country here was yet in a state of almost total wildness and he was one of the small band of pioneers that had come to develop its resources and make its great natural wealth serviceable to mankind. He was interested in it and the task of improving it, but he felt that the first necessity was to save the Union, and on August 24, 1861, he enlisted for three years, or during the war in response to President Lincoln's call for a large body of volunteers for that indefinite term.

The regiment in which he was enrolled went into camp at White Pigeon, St. Joseph county, for a time, and he was then transferred to the Eleventh Volunteer Infantry, and was soon on his way to Louisville, Kentucky, where his regiment became a part of General Buell's army, and was later transferred to the command of General Rosecrans. It took part in the battle of Murfreesboro and the following engagements

at Stone River and Chattanooga, Tennessee, in all of which there were terrible fighting and great slaughter.

About this time Mr. White was attacked by a serious affection of his eyes which disabled him for further service at the time. He had also received a wound in one of his legs by a fragment of a shell or a bullet at the battle of Stone River. The wound did not seem very serious at the time, but proved to be a disastrous one later. Years afterward a piece of one of the bones of the wounded limb came out near the heel of his foot. This compelled him to go on crutches for many months. In consequence of his wound and the failure of his eyesight he was honorably discharged from the service and returned to his Monroe county home.

While at home this valiant soldier and determined patriot regained his health, and on January 26, 1864, he again enlisted, this time, however, being enrolled in a regiment of heavy artillery, Company G, Sixth Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 20, 1865. On July 4 of that year he was in Vicksburg, Mississippi, just two years after the capture of the city by General Grant. During his second term of service in the army he was present and took part in the capture of Fort Gaines, one of the defenses of Mobile harbor, the capture taking place several days before that of Fort Morgan, by Admiral Farragut. Mr. White's regiment also aided in the capture of the latter by firing shells from its heavy mortars into it and demolishing it in part.

After the capture of Fort Morgan, Mr. White, as he was a skillful carpenter, was made foreman on the mechanical work in the fort, and he served in that capacity many months. The troops and other persons in the fort were very short on rations, at times, being obliged to depend mainly on hard tack as their chief article of food. But the cause in which they were contending was nearing its final triumph, and they made the best of a bad situation in the hope that all the difficulties would soon be over, and it was not long before their commissariat became more generously supplied and their comfort considerably increased.

Levi I. White was born on March 2, 1830, in Potter county, Pennsylvania, the old Keystone state, near the boundary line between that state and New York. He is a son of John White, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a grandson of Enoch White, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Enoch White, who was a New Englander, married Miss Nancy Sandy, who was also a New Englander by nativity, and their son John was born and reared in Vermont. John White's wife, the mother of Levi, was Mary Kennedy, a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch ancestry. She and her husband both died in Pennsylvania.

They had six sons who were Union soldiers during the Civil war, and also two grandsons. Daniel was in the Eighty-fifth New York Infantry, and his two sons were also in the service. William, another brother of Levi, was taken prisoner and held in captivity nineteen months in Libby prison. Albert was chaplain of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth New York Infantry. And Martin was also in a New York regiment, and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. All six of the brothers were in General Sickles' brigade and three of them were in the battle of

Gettysburg. Washington, like William, was taken prisoner and held in captivity many months. He died some time after the war in Elk county, Pennsylvania.

Levi E. White's military career, interesting as it is, does not include all that is interesting in his long and useful life. He was reared and educated in Pennsylvania, and there he learned the trades of carpenter and millwright. He had natural aptitude for mechanical work and became very skillful in both branches of his craft. In 1858 he moved to Michigan and located in Monroe county, and here he worked at his trade in London township, building many of the earlier houses in this part of the county. At the age of twenty-two, he was united to Miss Nancy J. Green, of Allegany county, New York, where the marriage was solemnized. Mrs. White was a daughter of Job and Sophia (Greene) Green, of the state of New York, and was born in 1824. She died on August 24, 1894, leaving one daughter, who is now Mrs. Amanda Bopp, of Detroit, Michigan. During her lifetime the mother was a devout and consistent member of the Baptist church.

On June 15, 1904, Mr. White contracted a second marriage in which he was united with Mrs. Elizabeth (Purtell) Dowling, of Toledo, Ohio, the widow of the late James Dowling of that city and a daughter of Anthony Purtell, who was born and reared in the "Emerald Isle" but was long a resident of Toledo, where Mrs. White was born, reared and educated. By her first marriage she became the mother of four children: Margaret; Mrs. Mary Boshel, who lives in Toledo; John A., and Julia. The last named died at the age of twenty-three years, much esteemed in life and deeply mourned in death.

Mr. White has a good seven-room residence at Oakville, which is furnished for the comfort of its inmates and shows taste and refinement in what it contains. He also owns a store building which he rents to tenants. He served as a justice of the peace forty-five years, a longer time than any other man in the history of Monroe county, and filled the office with unusual ability and greatly to the satisfaction of the whole community. He is an ardent Republican in politics and was a hard worker for his party in his days of activity. He is now past four score, however, and does not engage in activities of any kind, but is resting after his long labors secure in the veneration and cordial regard of all classes of the people in Monroe county, for he is well and favorably known all over it.

Mrs. White is a lady of good family, intelligence and fine social culture. She is of Irish parents and proud of the fact. She has the wit, resourcefulness and good common sense characteristic of her race, but is unostentatious and modest withal, as genuine merit always is. She is, moreover, a lady of liberal hospitality, and her home is a popular resort for old and young alike, and persons of all ages and conditions find it a source of genial sunshine, warming and brightening all who come in contact with it.

IGNATZ HOFFMAN. A worthy representative of Monroe county's agriculturists, whose long residence and progressive activities make him deserving of prominent mention in a work of this nature, is Ignatz

Hoffman, the owner of a well-cultivated farm of sixty acres in Exeter township, also forty acres in London township. Mr. Hoffman was born in Monroe county, Michigan, May 19, 1857, and is a son of Daniel Hoffman, an early settler of London township.

Daniel Hoffman was born in Germany, where he received his education, and was reared to the vocation of an agriculturist. As is customary with the young men of Germany, he entered the service of the German army, but was subsequently a participant in the Hungarian revolution, under General Louis Kossuth, and was compelled to flee to the United States for safety. He was a great admirer of Carl Schurz, the German patriot who later came to the United States and became a general in the Union army during the Civil war, and knew the famous statesman well. On coming to this country, in 1849, Mr. Hoffman located in Delaware county, Ohio, near Columbus, where for some time he worked in a brick yard. In 1853 he was married to Miss Fredericka Hoffman, also a native of Germany, and after their union they started for Monroe county, by sled and oxen, eventually locating in the woods of London township, where Mr. Hoffman erected a little log cabin. Subsequently he moved to Exeter township, where he improved 130 acres of land, and there his death occurred when he was an old man. During the Civil war he served as a member of the Thirteenth Michigan Volunteers, for thirteen months, but was then honorably discharged on account of disability and returned to his home. He was a trustee and liberal supporter of old St. Joseph's church, and was highly esteemed throughout this section. In politics he was an ardent Democrat. He and his wife, who passed away in 1877, had three children: Ignatz; Catherine Bitz, of Monroe county; and Louise Lefevre.

Ignatz Hoffman was reared on the home farm, where he was taught to respect the value of hard work and honesty, and received his education in the public schools. He then continued to engage in farm labor until his marriage, at the age of twenty-three years, to Miss Louise Bitz, of Exeter township, November 20, 1879. She was born, reared and educated in Exeter township, and was a daughter of Ignatz and Rosa (Young) Bitz, natives of Germany, who were early settlers of this township. The father died at the age of sixty-eight years, on his fine farm adjoining that of Mr. Hoffman, leaving a family of six children, as follows: Emil, Daniel, George, Louise, Mary and Emma. After his marriage, Mr. Hoffman settled on a farm of thirty-seven acres, which he eventually sold, subsequently purchasing the land on which he now lives, and which he has developed into one of the finest properties in the township. Here he built a handsome twelve-room brick house, with porches, at a cost of \$2,000, a barn 32 by 60 feet, and a granary, corn crib, hog house and other buildings. He has fine feed and pasture lands, productive grain fields and well graded meadows, and Catalpa Lawn Farm, as it has been named, reflects the thrift and industry of its owner in every particular. General farming has claimed the greater part of his attention, but he also devotes some time to the various other branches of farm work, and does some dairying and stock-raising. A Democrat in his political views, he takes an active interest in the affairs that pertain to the welfare of his township, but has not cared to enter the public

arena as an office seeker, although he has served very efficiently as supervisor for four terms and township treasurer for two terms. During the past nine years he has acted as a member of the board of trustees of St. Joseph's parish, and also treasurer of the school board for fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have had a family of three sons and five daughters, as follows: Mrs. Rose Navarre; Mrs. Matilda Seal, a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Clara Hoffman; Adam; Augusta; Herman; Veronica; and one child died in infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are widely known throughout the township, where they have many warm personal friends.

CARLTON E. HAWKES. An enterprising, progressive, and therefore successful farmer, with energy in his industry and judgment in his management; an upright, straightforward and serviceable citizen, and a conscientious, careful and capable public official, Carlton E. Hawkes, justice of the peace in London township, this county, is well worthy of the high opinion the people have of him as a man in all the relations of life. He was elected to the office he now holds, in the spring of 1911 and re-elected in the spring of 1912, and is therefore filling his second term in it. In his first term he gave the public excellent service, and this was expected of him. For there was no element of chance in his selection for the position. He was born and reared in the county, Exeter township, and has spent the whole of his life to the present time (1912) in this locality, and the people knew all about him when they first elected him.

Mr. Hawkes came into being forty-five years ago, on March 3, 1867, and is a son of old settlers in this region. His parents, Erastus and Susan (Lumkin) Hawkes, took part in the early history of Monroe county, the former coming here when a young man from his native state of New York, and the latter being a native of what is now Raisin township. She was a daughter of Ozial and Hannah (Herkimer) Lumkin, both of New York antecedents, the father having been born in that state and the mother being a great-great-granddaughter of General Nicholas Herkimer, who led New York militia soldiers gallantly in the Revolutionary war and lost his life in that great and decisive contest for freedom.

Erastus Hawkes, the father of Carlton, was a valiant soldier for the Union during the Civil war, and after that momentous and sanguinary conflict was over, was connected with the lumber industry for many years as a head sawyer. He came to this state and county in his young manhood, as has been stated, and is still living in the state, his present home being at Whittaker, in Washtenaw county. His wife died in October, 1911, at the age of seventy-three; and, although well advanced in years, with the end of her life necessarily near at hand, her death was deeply mourned, for she was universally beloved wherever she was known. She was the mother of four children: Lois, the wife of Albert W. Hardy, of Augusta, is deceased; Eleanor, the wife of Jehiel H. Davis, of Oakland county, Michigan; Carlton E., and Sheridan, who lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The father is a Republican in politics and devoted to his

party. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order and the Grand Army of the Republic.

Carlton E. Hawkes grew to manhood on his father's farm in Exeter township and obtained his education in the common schools and the more severe but thorough one of experience. At the age of thirty-one he was united in marriage with Miss Hattie E. Smith, who was born, reared and educated in London township, this county, the locality in which her life ended in 1905. She was the daughter of Jerome and Rebecca (Worth) Smith, early settlers in the township and long highly respected residents among its people. Her daughters Velma and Fern were her only children, and they are still living here under the shelter of their father's roof.

In 1908, Mr. Hawkes married a second time, being united on this occasion with Mrs. Hattie (Lingo) Waite, the widow of the late Albert Waite of this township, and a daughter of Samuel Lingo, an honored veteran of the Civil war, serving in an Ohio regiment and making a good record for bravery and fidelity to duty in the conflict. Whether his call was to the long and exhaustive march or the lonely vigil of picket duty, the endurance of summer's heat or winter's cold, the shock of battle or frenzy of the charge, he was equally responsive in obeying the call and meeting the requirements to the best of his ability.

By his second marriage Mr. Hawkes has become the father of one child, Carlton, Jr., who was born in September, 1910. The family home is on a fine farm of sixty acres well improved with one house, 16 by 24 and an ell 11 by 24; two good barns, one 16 by 46 feet and the other 26 by 54; two silos, 10 by 32 and 12 by 36 feet in size, respectively, and other necessary structures. He carries an insurance of \$3,000 on his buildings and their contents, as he is a prudent man and takes precaution against disaster.

His dwelling house contains eight rooms, frame dwelling and conveniently arranged and well furnished. In addition, he has a \$3,000 Welsh automobile, and "Model F" Buick at \$600, one of the best in the township. His farming operations are as extensive as his facilities will allow and are as successful as skill and good management can make them. He is also extensively engaged in the dairy business, and for service in this branch of his industry keeps a herd of fifteen superior cows of a good breed for the purpose.

Mr. Hawkes and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is an officer in the congregation to which they belong. He is a Republican in political faith and allegiance and always firm and energetic in the service of his party. In the administration of his office he is fair but firm, guided by his judgment of right and wrong, zealous for the good of the community, but considerate of the feelings of all who have business with him and judicious in weighing the rights of both sides in every controversy. He is one of London township's best and most popular citizens.

CHRISTOPHER RAPP. This fine, frank, genial and interesting gentleman, who is one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of London township, having lived in it for many years, his life before its

people an open book without a stain on any of its pages, has had an eventful and somewhat spectacular career. He was born across the sea and reared to the age of eleven in a foreign land. In his boyhood, he, with his parents, braved the wintry bosom of the Atlantic, and was brought to a new world, among a strange people, with the scenes, associations and institutions entirely different from those to which he had been accustomed.

He was brought to this country under the inspiration of the hope of better and more extensive opportunities than his own land seemed to afford, but at the dawn of his manhood he found the land of promise, to which hope had led his parents, in the throes of a terrible sectional Civil war, and he became a soldier in defense of the Union he had learned to love. He suffered the perils of the battlefield, a long siege of illness contracted in the service, the horrors of long confinement as a prisoner of war, and other hardships incident to the service. He has since been a successful farmer with steadily increasing prosperity; and he is now living at Maybee, practically retired from active pursuits, and resting peacefully in the reminiscences of his long, varied and useful career.

Mr. Rapp was born in Rothenburg, Germany, on December 24, 1840, the son of John and Catherine (Kapp) Rapp, farmers in the Fatherland. His parents came to the United States in 1852 and followed the tide of emigration westward to this state, locating in Monroe county, on a farm in the woods of London township. In time the father cleared his land, the son assisting in the work while attending the public school in the neighborhood to complete the education he had begun in his native land. By the time he was nearing his majority, the wild tract on which the family found a home on its arrival in the township had been transformed into a good farm and a comfortable abiding place.

On this farm at Maybee, which was hallowed by their labors, the parents died, each at the age of eighty-one years. Their offspring numbered five, three of whom are living. One of the two who are deceased was a son named Daniel, who like Christopher, was a Union soldier during the Civil war, in the Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, and was killed in battle in the south, where his remains were buried, far from home and friends, and with only the rude obsequies of the battlefield, if they had even them.

Christopher Rapp enlisted at Monroe in December, 1861, in Company K, Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, commanded by Captain Bubys and Lieutenant Baker, the regiment being under the command of Colonel Alger. The regiment went into camp at Monroe and was soon after ordered to Butte Barracks in St. Louis. It took part in the battle of Shiloh, where General Grant won a great victory.

After that battle, Mr. Rapp was stricken down with typhoid fever and passed some time in a field hospital. From that he was transferred to the Evansville, Indiana, hospital, where he was obliged to remain all winter. After leaving the hospital he was honorably discharged, being unfit for further service at the time, and returned to his Monroe county home. Late in 1864 he felt himself so far recovered that he enlisted again, but this time in the corps of United States Engineers and Mechanics, in which he served as regimental supervisor in getting out ties and

square timber for the use of the government in building and repairing railroads for the transportation of troops, the greater part of his work being far in the south.

During this service he was taken prisoner by General Hood's forces and marched two hundred miles to a Confederate prison, making the trip at the rate of forty miles a day. On this hurried trip of five days, there was no food for the prisoners but corn, turnips and pumpkins, and these in such scant supplies that the hapless men were sometimes on the verge of starvation. Mr. Rapp was detained as a prisoner of war for weeks. At length he was able to bribe a guard and an officer with twenty dollars he had, and was exchanged through their intervention, and returned to Chicago.

After the close of the war he returned home and gave his attention to farming, in which he has been engaged ever since. He was married in this township in 1868 to Miss Louisa Raybuck, like himself, a native of Germany. They have six children, four sons and two daughters: Christopher, Jr., Fred, Joseph, George, Annie and Ella. On his farm at Maybee Mr. Rapp has a fine brick dwelling house built in 1911, a good barn, and other valuable improvements. In political allegiance he is a Democrat, and in church connection a Lutheran. He has realized in large measure the hopes which induced his parents to come to this country, but he has paid full price and a premium for his success.

ANDREW W. BECKER. An enterprising and progressive farmer in time of peace, and a brave and gallant soldier during the Civil war, and meeting the utmost requirements of his duty in both lines of activity, as well as in every claim of citizenship at all times, Andrew W. Becker, one of the leading and forceful residents of London township, has given and is still giving the people of Monroe county a fine example of thrift and good management in his work as a farmer and his fidelity and breadth of view as a citizen.

Mr. Becker was born at Dundee in this county on June 25, 1844, and is a son of Philip and Polly (Breningstool) Becker, both born and reared in the state of New York. The father was a Pennsylvania-German in ancestry and immediate parentage. His parents moved from their native state to New York early in their married life, and early in his, following their example, he moved to Michigan and located in Monroe county. Here he died in middle life, after making considerable progress toward clearing and improving a farm in the wilderness. The mother lived to be seventy-one years of age, and reared her son Andrew W. to manhood. Some time after the death of his father she was again married, being united in the second marriage with John Whaley, by whom she had one additional child, Polly, resident of Milan.

Andrew W. Becker was reared on a farm in London township, and obtained his education in the public schools and through the lessons of experience. That the latter have not been lost upon him is proven by the fact that he now owns a fine farm of seventy-five acres in section 1, London township, which is well improved and has been acquired entirely through his own energy and thrift, without any aid from the outside or favorable circumstances, but rather in spite of difficulties and trials.

When Mr. Becker was about eighteen, he went to Tecumseh, Lenawee county, and enlisted in the Union army for three years or during the war, but was credited to Milan township, this county. He enlisted on August 8, 1862, in response to President Lincoln's call for a large body of volunteers to save the Union, being enrolled in Company F, Twenty-sixth Michigan Volunteer Infantry. This regiment was the second to leave the state for the seat of war, saw a great deal of active field service and made a gallant record in the mighty and sanguinary sectional strife which then came near tearing our unhappy country asunder.

The regiment was under the command of Colonel Farrer, and the captain of Mr. Becker's company was later promoted lieutenant-colonel of it. The troops composing it were first stationed at Camp Jackson, this state, but were soon afterward ordered to Virginia, and reached that state in time to take part in the leading engagements that closed the campaign for the year. Mr. Becker was placed on provost duty in the commissary department of the army in the spring of 1863, and remained in that department some months under Colonel Bell, commissary general, who was the officer in charge for that portion of Virginia in which they were stationed. The headquarters of the department were at Arlington Heights, the former home of General Lee, for several months.

When his term of enlistment expired, Mr. Becker returned to his home in this county, and from then until the present time he has been engaged in the more prosaic but peaceful and productive pursuit of farming. In this he has been very successful, acquiring the ownership of a fine and well improved farm of seventy-five acres in London township, as has been stated, and rising to a high place in the regard and good will of the people around him and in all other parts of the county.

Mr. Becker was married on January 9, 1868, to Miss Olive Briggs, a young lady of good family, substantial education and commendable social culture. She was born in the state of New York and is a daughter of Darius and Elizabeth (Bell) Briggs, both now deceased. They came to this state from New York and were long esteemed residents of Monroe county. They were prosperous farmers and took a lively and serviceable interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of their township and county, leaving their mark on the institutions of their locality in the value of their good works and on the minds of its residents in the force of the excellent examples of industry, thrift and upright living which they gave.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker have one child, their son Albert, who was born, grew to manhood and was educated in London township, and was here married to Miss Pearl Hitchings, a native and product of the township of Dundee, the daughter of Alfred and Dane (Drew) Hitchings. Albert Becker and his wife have three children: Alfred, who is now (1912) eight years old, and Florence and Etta. Their father is an enterprising man, a good manager of his own affairs and a progressive and useful citizen.

Andrew W. Becker is a Republican in politics and a member of Milan post, Grand Army of the Republic. He is square, straightforward and upright, keeping his word as he would keep his bond, which gives him high rank and esteem as a citizen; and genial, frank and companionable in disposition, which has won him wide and genuine popularity as a

man; and the other members of the family share with him in the general regard and good will of the people of the county of all classes. They are representative of the best manhood and womanhood of Monroe county, and would be creditable to any locality in this country or any other.

HON. HENRY H. HERKIMER. Among the notable Monroe county families none has been longer and more usefully identified with the substantial interests of the county than the Herkimers, descendants of a historic American name, and from New York this branch of the family came to Michigan nearly eighty years ago.

Henry H. Herkimer, who has been a soldier and legislator and for years one of the most enterprising farmers of Exeter township, was born on the Herkimer homestead in that township on the 4th of September, 1842. His father, Robert H. Herkimer was born April 9, 1813, in Herkimer county, New York, a son of Henry, who in turn was a grandson of the General Herkimer of Revolutionary fame, after whom the county along the Mohawk was named, where large tracts of land were given under colonial patent to the Herkimers. The Herkimers were one of the thrifty, industrious and honest families that gave character to early American life. The men were close tillers of the soil and shrewd business men, the women were excellent housewives and mothers, spinners and weavers of wool and flax, and all were God-fearing people and patriotic to the core. Robert H. Herkimer, the father, grew up in his native county and married Mary Peters, a native of the Genesee valley and daughter of John Peters.

In 1835 Robert H. and his brother Henry came west to Michigan. They were carpenters and contractors, especially builders of grist and sawmills, and for a number of years they worked under a pioneer millwright named Graham. Their brother-in-law, Gilbert Palmer, had settled as one of the pioneers in Monroe county in 1831, and they located in the same region, and besides building mills in Ohio and Michigan they used the proceeds of their labor to buy large tracts of government land and together owned about a thousand acres of the best land in Exeter township. Among the mills which these brothers built, were one on Detroit river, one on Maumee river, one on Raisin river at Monroe, a sawmill on Swan creek in Exeter township, and one at Flat Rock. Robert H. bought three hundred and twenty acres from the government and his brother five hundred acres adjoining, and the former made one of the fine farms of Monroe county, with a comfortable brick house, barns and other improvements.

Robert H. Herkimer and wife had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, and the others were as follows: Mary Helen McIntyre; Henry H.; Catherine; Matilda, wife of J. K. Knickabocker; Lucy, wife of Charles Loudon; Jay J., of Detroit; Lida, wife of George Fulcher; Viola, and Annie D., wife of H. B. Vedder, of Exeter township. The father of this family died at the age of seventy-five. He was an honored citizen and had gained a large prosperity. He was Republican in politics and a member of the Methodist church.

Henry H. Herkimer, the well known citizen named at the beginning

of this article, was reared on the home farm and attended the country schools of his native township. He was just at the entrance to young manhood when the war broke out, and on August 19, 1862, he enlisted and joined the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, his captain being John E. Clark, and the colonel of the regiment being the late General Alger, one of Michigan's greatest public characters. Mr. Herkimer saw three years of active service, including the battle of Gettysburg, and service in the Shenandoah valley under Generals Custer and Sheridan. The Fifth Michigan Cavalry was part of the first brigade and first division. At the end of three years he was honorably discharged as first sergeant, and then returned to civil life.

On the 18th of February, 1868, he married Miss Helen Stoddard, who was born and reared in this county. She died a few years after their marriage, and Mr. Herkimer then married Lucy Vedder. They are the parents of one daughter, Clara E., the wife of Edward Lewis, of Oil City, Pennsylvania. Two of the children died young.

Mr. Herkimer has long been one of the leading farmers of the county, and his place in Exeter township shows the best improvements of the modern scientific agriculture. A large and comfortable residence, barns, and windmills are some of the features which mark out this farm as the home of able management and well ordered prosperity.

Successful in business he has also for many years taken an active part in public affairs and is one of the influential republicans of Monroe county. For thirty years he has been justice of the peace in his township and has held other local offices. He was elected to the legislature in 1903, and again in 1905, and made an excellent record. He is a member of Carleton Post of the G. A. R., and he and his family are members of the M. E. church at Oakville, Michigan. Having spent practically all his life in Monroe county, he has gained his success on the basis of solid industry and honorable methods and is one of the most popular citizens.

HARRY C. HERKIMER. Of distinguished ancestry, the members of his family having countless triumphs to their credit in almost every department of human activity in peace and war, and living creditably now in most if not all of the states of the American Union; the intrepid valor of their arms winning victories for our common country in all our wars, and their intellectual supremacy manifest in every walk of life worthy of the attention of men; and himself a gentleman of unusual ability, high character and social culture of the best type, it is not surprising but almost a matter of course that Harry C. Herkimer of Maybee, should be distinguished in any line of endeavor he chooses to follow, and that having selected the real estate business as his chief line, he should be the leading and most extensive operator in that line of trade in the territory in which he conducts the business, and makes it move with all the energy and mastery of his race.

Mr. Herkimer is a great-great-grandson of that brave and gallant General Nicholas Herkimer of Revolutionary fame whose timely arrival at Fort Schuyler on the Mohawk, in New York state, early in August, 1777, helped to save that important post from capture by the British

and their Indian allies, and hasten the inevitable and fast-coming surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. General Herkimer's own immediate command was defeated through an Indian ambushade, and he was not allowed the pleasure of participating in the final triumph of the garrison in the fort, but his diversion of the attacking force was a very potential factor in determining the result.

He was afterward fatally wounded, before the end of that year, at the battle of Oriskany, and while lying on the field before his death, continued to give orders and encouragement to his men, even amid his expiring agonies, cheerfully laying his life on the altar of his country, and nobly serving it with his last breath. Fame has inscribed his name on the roll of her immortals, and the state he so gallantly helped to defend has also perpetuated it by giving it to one of her great counties.

In the Indian wars of that period and subsequent times, and in the War of 1812, the Mexican war and the Civil war, as well as the Spanish-American war, the Herkimers, members of this family, were valiant soldiers and creditably sustained the reputation of their house. As to the business side of the family history, Harry C. Herkimer's record is sufficient to properly typify that and suggest what it must be.

The family homestead was near what is now Little Falls, Herkimer county, and the great general's command of seven hundred troops was gathered from the surrounding country. The Daughters of the Revolution have erected fourteen state monuments along the road over which this command passed to Fort Schuyler to their awful disaster in which one-fourth of their number fell victims to savage fury. But there have been many other members of the family who have blazed their own way into the wilderness and left their own monuments in its redemption and development to civilization.

It is from one of these that the interesting subject of this review is descended. His grandfather, Henry Herkimer, came to Monroe county in 1833, and proved himself to be a very useful pioneer. He was a carpenter and mill wright, and built saw and grist mills in the wilderness for the convenience of the scattered population and made them profitable to himself. He became possessed of a large farm and attained to great prominence and influence in the county. On the farm he owned, two generations of his descendants were born and reared, drawing their stature and their strength from its soil and obtaining their education from the country school in the neighborhood, or at least the beginning of their scholastic training.

Harry C. Herkimer was born on May 19, 1867, on his father's old homestead on Stony Creek in this county, and is a son of Robert C. and Augusta (McManus) Herkimer, who were also born and reared in this county, the former on his father's homestead and the latter, who was a sister of Niel McManus, at La Salle. The grandfather, Henry Herkimer, was born in Herkimer county, New York, and located in this county among the pioneers in 1833, as has been stated above. Robert Herkimer was a very enterprising man. Like his father he built saw mills and operated them. But he also built and operated large brick and tile factories and carried on extensive farming operations, employing a large number of men on his farm and in his mills and factories. He

was one of Exeter township's best known and most progressive citizens. He died in the fall of 1865, and the mother passed away in the fall of 1911.

They were the parents of six children: Harry C., Otis R., Charles, Clarence S., Thomas Leo and Clara. Otis R. and Thomas are residents of Detroit, and Clarence lives on the old family farm. Harry C. grew to manhood on the home farm and assisted in tilling it, working also, at times, in the tile and brick factories. He received a good education, beginning it in the common schools, continuing it at the high school in Monroe and completing it at Ypsilanti College. At the age of twenty-six he was united in marriage with Miss Christina Hasley, a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Mann) Hasley, late of Maybee, but both are now deceased. Mrs. Herkimer's father was one of Maybee's most prominent and enterprising men, and left his mark, deep and permanent, on the industrial life of the community by building, and, for a number of years operating successfully the large Maybee flouring mills, of which he was the energetic proprietor, and which he conducted greatly to his own advantage and that of the whole surrounding country for many miles in every direction, and which also added considerably to the industrial and commercial importance of this locality.

Mr. Herkimer was one of the controlling partners in the flour milling business which his father founded and carried on for five years. He has also been engaged in shipping live stock and the meat trade for some years. But his principal line in trade now is the real estate business, and in this he has been very successful and built up a trade of great extent and variety, having listed many of the best farms for sale in the city. He is recognized as entirely fair and straightforward in all his dealings, and has acquired such thorough knowledge of his business that he is considered an authority in every branch and department of it.

He and his wife are the parents of four sons: M. C., who is in his nineteenth year; Kenneth, who is in his seventeenth year; Hazen P., who is in his sixth year, and Harold, who is turning four. In his political faith the father is a Republican of strong convictions and great activity in behalf of his party. He has frequently been a delegate to its county and state conventions here, has served as deputy sheriff of the county, and in many other ways has shown his deep, abiding and practical interest in the welfare of the organization and the people generally. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic Lodge, at Monroe.

The home of this genial, jovial and cultivated gentleman is in keeping with his nature. The dwelling house is built of cement block, contains eight rooms, is furnished for both comfort and artistic enjoyment, and has all the appointments of modern life available, including steam heat and kindred conveniences. It is built on a choice lot with an ample lawn, fine shade trees, and such shrubbery and flowers as a cultivated taste suggests. It is one of the most comfortable and desirable homes in the village, and is always a center of refined and gracious hospitality—a fit abiding place for one of the most esteemed and serviceable citizens of the community, who is truly representative of all that is best in its citizenship and admirably suggests its loftiest aspirations.

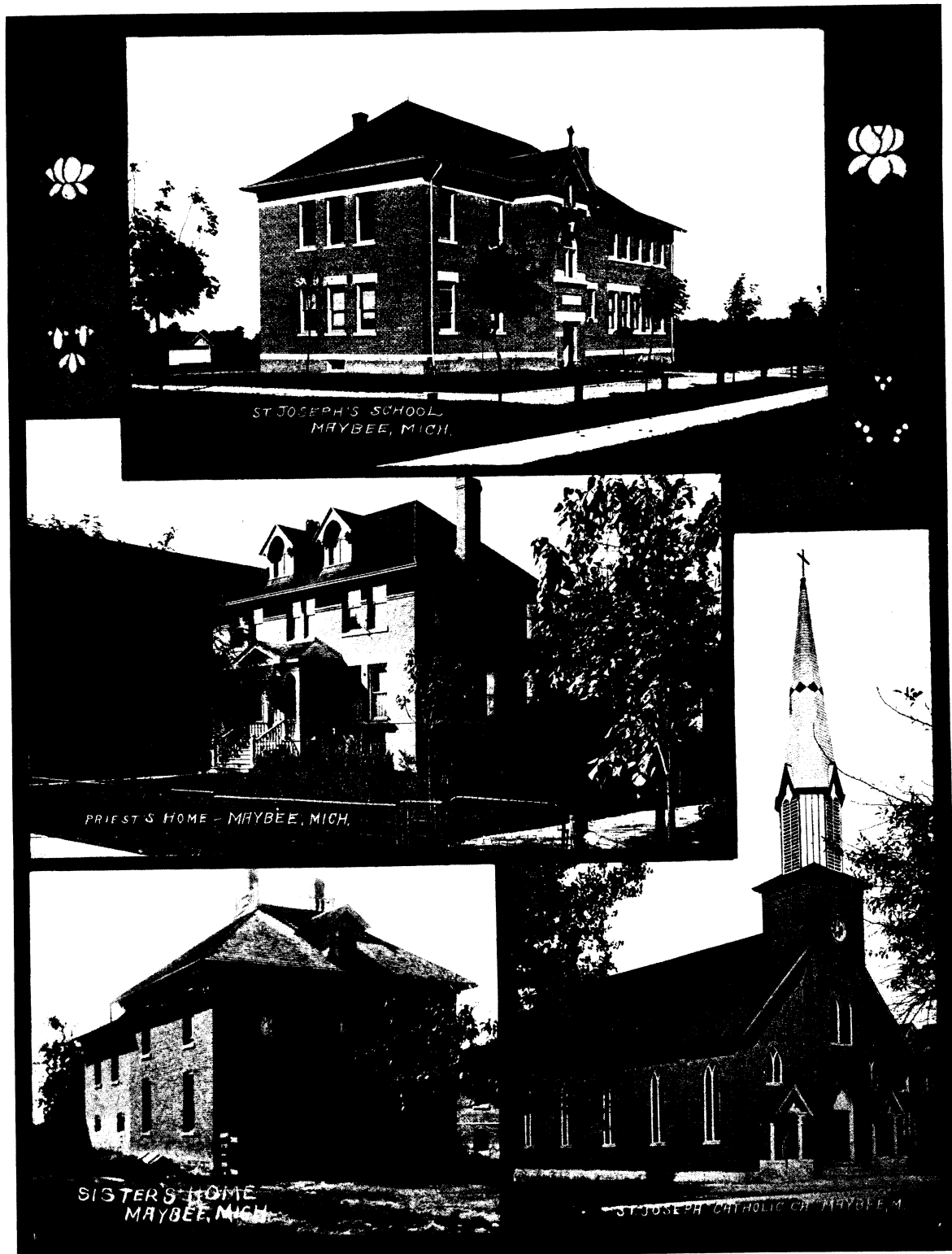
REV. JOHN S. MIES. This faithful worker in the cause of righteousness and morality, who has won the universal respect and esteem of the whole community in which he lives, and the cordial regard and veneration of a large part of it, has been pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church, of Maybee, since 1899, and in the thirteen years of his pastorate to the present time (1912) has made his energy and influence greatly felt in building up the church, increasing its membership, improving its property, and raising it to a position of commanding prominence and power in the part of Monroe county in which it is located, and in carrying on its beneficent work.

The history of St. Joseph's church is a very interesting and inspiring one. It shows the potency of abiding faith united with strong and determined industry. The parish grew to its present magnitude and importance from a very small and humble beginning in the short period of but fifty-seven years, in a region of country which was but slightly removed from the wilderness and but sparsely populated, for many years after it was founded. It was, in fact, started in the wilderness, and in its early days was without a local habitation. The wild beasts of the forest around it had their lairs and the birds of the air had their nests; but St. Joseph's Catholic church, like the son of God, whose gospel it teaches, "had nowhere to lay its head."

What may be called the history of this church began in 1855, when a very small but very devoted band of communicants started it at Blue Bush, two miles northwest of the present village of Maybee. These numbered but few and were: John Klotz; Sebastian Liedel; Daniel Hoffmann; Taddaus Boes; Jacob Boes; Philip Liedel; Ignatius Bitz; Bernard Heisler; John Straub; Carl Schwarz; Jacob Hammer; Michael Gramlich; Wendel Gramlich, and Valentine Weiss, all from Baden. These firm and faithful followers kept the light on their humble and sometimes migratory altar burning for two years, however great the difficulties, or how numerous the obstacles, and then, in 1857, the church was regularly organized, and a log house was built in which to conduct the services.

The new church became a mission of St. Patrick's, Carleton. Before this time, priests from Monroe ministered to the spiritual needs of the scattered and far distant flock, and said mass in the log schoolhouse at Blue Bush. The pastors of St. Patrick's, Carleton, and of the Blue Bush mission from the year 1857, were the Reverend Fathers Callert, Wermers, Herwig, Seybold, Brockmann, and Ronayne. In 1879 a new church edifice was erected on the old site. The growth of the congregation was steady. Natural increase added to the number as did also a new band of emigrants from the old Fatherland. Frugality, tenaciousness in work, determination of purpose, all of which are virtues peculiar to the German character, changed the wilderness in and around Blue Bush gradually into splendid farming land.

Meanwhile a considerable number of Catholic emigrants from the Rhine country had settled on sections of land east of the village of Maybee. They were Joseph Bleser, John Franzen, Henry Arenz, John Geiermann, John B. Hoffmann, Peter Miller, Virg. Scheich, and a few others. These, like the early pioneers of Blue Bush, could call little



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their own beyond sturdy health, firm and set purpose, and that section of the wild woodland they had purchased and on which they built their new and humble homes; but they soon saw their labors richly rewarded and in their declining days could well afford to leave to the young and likewise sturdy generation, the tilling of the soil.

Lack of accommodations and other difficulties induced these settlers to have themselves inscribed on the register of St. Patrick's church, Carleton, although they lived from five to seven miles distant from that church. It soon became evident, however, that concentration and union of their forces with those of their neighbors at Blue Bush would be of great benefit to all. This conviction brought about the starting of a parochial school in a frame building erected for that purpose in the village of Maybee, in about the year 1880. Two Sisters of the Order of St. Dominic, from the convent in Adrian, were employed as teachers and rendered such excellent service that the school began to flourish and became popular at once. A brick church building was erected at Maybee in 1889, by Rev. Fr. Romaine, of St. Patrick's, Carleton, being the pastor in charge at the time, and by order of the Right Rev. Bishop John T. Foley, declared the parish church for Blue Bush and Maybee and surrounding territory within a radius of four miles. Difficulties naturally attending such a change were happily overcome, and the now fair sized and self-supporting parish, like a youth with high ideals and firm determination, at once strove zealously to be worthy to be ranked among all the good congregations of the Diocese of Detroit.

Rev. Fr. Seybold served the church as first resident pastor from 1894 to 1897. Rev. Fr. Jos. Strauss followed from 1897 to 1899. In the year last named, Rev. Fr. Mies took charge. At that time the church had a small lot facing on St. Joseph street, on which stood the church edifice, schoolhouse and Sisters' dwelling place. In 1900 a lot was bought on the north side of the church and the rectory, a fine brick structure built on it, at an expenditure of \$3,855. By 1903 the old schoolhouse had outgrown its accommodations and an addition was built on to it. For some years previous to 1905 it had been manifest that the congregation had outgrown the church, and plans were considered for obtaining better accommodations. These culminated in the year last mentioned, in the addition of the present imposing sanctuary, which was erected at a cost of \$5,000. The teachers' dwelling place was also enlarged in the same year. As the old school building had by this time become entirely too small, it was determined that a new schoolhouse of ample dimensions should be put up, and ground adjoining the church property on the north was purchased of Matthew Gerhart for \$1,500. On the ground thus secured, was built in 1907, the modern, two-story brick schoolhouse, which belongs to the church and which so highly adorns the property as a whole. It gives ample accommodations for the school, which numbers one hundred and thirty-five pupils, and is furnished and equipped with every necessary provision of the most approved modern type. Three teachers are employed in the school, who, under the supervision of the pastor, labor assiduously and successfully to keep up the highest standard of efficiency, but above all to instill in the hearts and minds of the children the faith of the church, and teach them those moral virtues which are the safest guarantee of future good citizenship.

Rev. John S. Mies was born in Wongrowitz, province of Posen, Prussia, on February 27, 1871, and is the representative of a good family in that city. He is the son of John and I. Mies, the former a native of Tellig, Eifel, near the river Mosel, and the latter of Munstermaifeld, also near the river Mosel, in the Fatherland, who after a few years of residence in Wongrowitz, made their home in M. Gladbach, Rhine province. The father was a man of intelligence and education and for many years held a high place in the employ of the government. He has been a member of the Prussian House of Deputies uninterruptedly from the time he entered it in 1888, up to the present time, and during his tenure of office for these many years has performed its duties with entire satisfaction to his constituents and to the authorities over him. He has, in recognition of his services, been honored by the government with two orders. He was loyal to his country, devoted to its interests and rendered to it the best service of which he was capable, and that was of a high order in both fidelity and ability.

Rev. Fr. Mies obtained an excellent education in his native country, attending the state schools and afterward a college. In 1888 he came to America and located in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, where he attended a theological institution—St. Mary's University—until 1894, when he was ordained to the priesthood by the Right Reverend W. Curtis, Bishop of Wilmington, Delaware. Immediately after his ordination he was sent to Detroit, Michigan, where he was engaged in church work for five years. From Detroit he was transferred to St. Joseph's church, at Maybee, in 1899, and this has been his exacting field of labor ever since.

That he has met the requirements of his duty here in a masterly way is attested by the condition of his parish and everything connected with it. He has vastly increased the value of the church property in a material way, has had erected nearly all the fine buildings which it embraces, and has so improved it generally, that it is an enduring monument to his zeal, enterprise, and excellent management. He has also augmented the force and influence of his flock as a power for good in the community of its location, added largely to its numbers, and given it consequence and standing it never had before. His fidelity to duty and his highly commendable citizenship have also won for him the respect and esteem of the whole territory subject to his ministrations, and secured for him the lasting good-will and admiration of all classes of people, without regard to race, creed or conditions. The interests of St. Joseph's are entirely safe in his hands, and the church of his faith has a faithful and very creditable representative here in him.

CLARENCE S. HERKIMER. The advent of the automobile opened up a wide field of business opportunity, and in the ranks of those who have devoted their attention to this industry may be found many who formerly confined their energies to the cultivation of the soil. The world-old occupation of farming has developed men of brawn and brains, capable of achieving success in any of the fields of industrial endeavor, and Monroe county has its full quota of recruits to the modern business of auto-

mobile dealing. Clarence S. Herkimer, of Maybee, Michigan, representative of the Buick Automobile Company, is a product of the farm. He was born October 18, 1876, on the old family homestead in Monroe county, and is a son of Robert C. and Augusta (McManus) Herkimer.

The progenitor of the Herkimer family in America was Gen. Herkimer, of Revolutionary fame, after whom Herkimer county, New York, was named. There was born his grandson, Henry Herkimer, October 2, 1803, and he married Elizabeth Dingman, who died February 12, 1897, at the age of ninety-three years. Their only child was Robert C. Herkimer, who was born on the old homestead in Monroe county, June 5, 1844. Reared on the home farm, he enlisted September 3, 1864, in Company K, Eighteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Jackson, and served with the company until his honorable discharge, June 26, 1865. He was married July 5, 1866, to Augusta McManus, daughter of Thomas and Mary McManus. Mr. Herkimer built the tile factory at Exeter, for the manufacture of brick tile, in which he engaged for many years, employing ten or twelve men, and also conducted a sawmill here. He was the owner of the old homestead purchased and erected by his father in Exeter township, where he built a brick residence of twelve rooms, in addition to which he had other modern and substantial buildings, including a barn fifty-six by one hundred feet, with posts sixteen feet in height, a granary forty-six by seventy-two feet, and other suitable buildings. The farm was developed by Mr. Herkimer into one of the most valuable in the county, and is located three and one-half miles north of Maybee. Mr. and Mrs. Herkimer had a family of seven children, as follows: Harry C., residing at Maybee; Otis R., of Detroit; Charles E.; Clarence S.; Mrs. Clara B. Palmer, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Leah E., wife of C. M. Knowles, of Milan, and Thomas C., of Detroit. Robert C. Herkimer was a staunch Republican, a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, and an active worker in Baker G. A. R. Post No. 190, of Carleton. He and Mrs. Herkimer were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were widely known for their kindness, hospitality and many acts of charity.

Clarence S. Herkimer was educated in the public schools and reared to farm work, to which he gave his entire attention until coming to Maybee to engage in the automobile business. He has become widely known throughout Wayne and Monroe counties as a salesman for the Buick car, and has met with great success in his chosen field, his pleasant personality and honorable methods having gained him numerous friends. On January 3, 1900, Mr. Herkimer was united in marriage with Miss Louisa M. Dexter, who was born and educated at Milan, daughter of Josiah F. and Rhoda R. (Throop) Dexter, natives of York township, Monroe county, Michigan, the latter of whom died June 28, 1900. They had three children: Louisa M., who married Mr. Herkimer; Amy and Edwin. Mr. and Mrs. Herkimer have one daughter: Mamie Gladys, a bright and interesting child of ten years, now attending school. The Herkimer home is situated in Exeter township, and is a center of social refinement, where the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Herkimer often congregate.

FRED D. REHBERG. The successful farmer of today is he who takes advantage of every scientific discovery in the field of agriculture and is able to apply modern methods to the world-old vocation of tilling the soil. Farming has advanced remarkably during the last half century, no less than the professions, and in order to reap the full emoluments for his labor, the farmer must constantly keep abreast of the times, studying and treating his land in the same manner that the business man devotes himself to his trade or the physician to his patient. One of the agriculturists who has been an important factor in keeping up the high standard of his vocation in Monroe county, is Fred D. Rehberg, of London township, proprietor of the beautiful Fair View Farm. He has been a lifelong resident of Monroe county, and was born here December 7, 1873, a son of Fred L. and Catharine (Goetz) Rehberg, an early settler of the community.

Fred L. Rehberg was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and there received his education, but at the age of eighteen years decided to try his fortunes in America, and accordingly embarked on a sailing vessel, with his parents, landing in New York. Mr. Rehberg, Sr., at once made his way to Monroe county, Michigan, settling on the banks of the Raisin river, where he purchased land in the woods and erected a log house. Here he continued to reside, cultivated his land and improved his farm until it was one of the best in the county, the little log cabin of pioneer days being supplemented by a handsome frame house, and other suitable buildings. Some years ago he retired from business activities, and he and his wife are now living quietly in Maybee. Mr. Rehberg is a Democrat.

Fred D. Rehberg was reared to habits of industry and integrity, and his boyhood was spent on the home farm, his education being secured in the district schools, supplemented by extensive reading and home study. In August, 1901, he was married to May Ried, who was born, reared and educated in London township, daughter of John Ried, a pioneer of that locality. Mrs. Rehberg's mother is deceased, having left a family of seven daughters and one son. Mr. and Mrs. Rehberg have one daughter: Eunice, who is eight years of age.

After his marriage, Mr. Rehberg settled down to agricultural pursuits, and he is now the owner of Fair View Farm, a handsome property of one hundred and twenty acres in London township, eighty acres being in section thirty-six and forty acres in section twenty-five. He has a nice, well-furnished residence of six rooms, with modern equipments, a large barn, thirty-two by sixty feet, a substantial granary, and other well-appointed buildings for the shelter of his grain and machinery. The farm is in fine condition, well fenced, graded and drained, and the pastures, meadow lands and grain fields mutely testify to the presence of good management and thrift. At this time Mr. Rehberg is serving as agent for the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, for London township, a firm that has a record for paying every fire loss for the past forty-eight years. He is interested in movements for the advancement of education, morality and good citizenship, and has served as a member of the township school board and as a member of the board of trustees

of the Congregational church. Progressive and enterprising, public-spirited in all things, and having hosts of friends throughout the township, Mr. Rehberg is justly regarded as one of his community's representative men, and well merits the high esteem in which he is universally held.

Mr. Rehberg's mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Goetz, was born in Alsace, Germany, and was left an orphan, with two sisters, when her father died of an attack of cholera. She and Mr. Rehberg's father had a family of four children.

Mr. Rehberg's grandfather, Frederick Rehberg, emigrated from the Fatherland many years ago. He set sail from his native land with his family in a sailing vessel and the tempestuous voyage was of six weeks' duration ere they sighted Free America. He made his way to London township, Monroe county, and here founded the home of his family.

Mrs. Rehberg is a cultured lady, has received excellent educational training. She finished the public school course, then spent two terms in the Capac high school of Capac, St. Clair county, Michigan, and then a course in the Byron high school of Shiawassee county, Michigan, successfully passed her teacher's examination in 1893, and taught successfully nine years in Monroe county, Michigan. She takes great interest in the Sunday school work, and for nine years has labored as a teacher of the boys' class in the Congregational Sunday school of Maybee. She is a lady, whose home is a model of neatness. Both she and her husband are lovers of good literature.

LOUIS EBY. The present highway commissioner of Exeter township, is an official who has put his public duties foremost and has given a service which is a practical benefit to every citizen of the township and county. Mr. Eby understands the relation of well kept roads to the comfort and prosperity of the community, and has directed his efforts to making the local transportation highways adequate to all reasonable needs. He is himself one of the enterprising and successful farmers of the township, and has spent more than thirty years in this county. He was first elected highway commissioner in the spring of 1911, and at the end of the first year his record of service was so satisfactory that he was chosen again.

Mr. Eby has one of the good farm homes of the township on section 20, where he owns eighty acres of valuable land. A modern residence of eight rooms, a stock and hay barn, thirty-two by sixty-two feet, well fenced and well cultivated field, are all the outward evidences of able husbandry and of the prosperity that abides on this estate.

Mr. Eby was born in the province of Alsace, France—now Germany, in 1850. His father, John Eby, spent many years of his life in LaSalle and Raisinville townships of this county. He and his wife were devout Catholics and reared their children in that faith. They were the parents of twelve children, two of whom died young. The father died at the age of about eighty-six and the mother at sixty-eight.

Mr. Louis Eby was married at the age of twenty-five to Miss Margaret Shike, who was born in Raisinville township, this county. They have become the parents of a large family of eleven children, whose names are as follows: Martha, Ben, Frances, Tillie, Christine, Thomas,

Eva, Johanna, Leo, Margaret and Sylvester. All were reared to habits of industry and honesty, had the advantages of the public schools, and in their young lives are a credit to their parents. They are all communicants of the Catholic faith of St. Joseph's Parish at Maybee, Michigan. Mr. Eby supports his local church and favors all the forces for better education and better life in the community and nation.

GUSTAVE GRAMS. A successful farmer whose stimulating example has influenced others to become more progressive and scientific in the work on their farms, and an excellent highway commissioner for London township, whose services in connection with the roads and bridges in the township have been of great benefit to the locality, Gustave Grams is proving himself to be one of the most enterprising, far-seeing and serviceable citizens of Monroe county. He has been tried in several ways and has come forth from every test with his reputation sustained in the fullest measure and the confidence of the public in his integrity, ability and progressiveness extended and intensified, and its regard for him augmented and heightened.

Mr. Grams was born in London township, this county, on January 26, 1879, a son of Rhinehart and Minnie (Zeman) Grams, early settlers in the township, the father, a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen, and the mother one of the choice matrons of the county for excellence of character, force of will in what is right and fidelity to duty in every way. The father died some twelve years ago at the age of sixty-three years, leaving a widow and three children as the surviving members of his family. The children are Frederick, who lives in York township, this county; R. H., who lives in London township, and Gustave. The head of the family was a firm believer in the doctrines and teachings of the Lutheran church, of which he was long a member, and supported the congregation to which he belonged with great ardor and liberality.

Gustave Grams was reared on the home farm and educated in the district school in the neighborhood, supplementing its lessons by those of experience in business and the practical affairs of life. He remained at home and assisted his mother in the management of the farm until his marriage with Miss Madora Smith, a young lady of intelligence, advanced social culture and good family. This took place on September 10, 1908, and united him with the daughter of V. E. and Effie (Smith) Smith, esteemed residents of London township, and has resulted in the birth of one child, a son named Edward, whose life began on January 28, 1910.

Mr. Grams is a pronounced Republican in political affairs and has considerable influence in the councils of his party. He has served it frequently as a delegate to its township and county conventions, and has been an energetic worker for its success at every election since the dawn of his manhood. He served two years as overseer of highways, and in the early part of 1911 was elected highway commissioner. His services in this office during his first term were so acceptable and so highly commended that in the spring of 1912, he was elected for a second term with increased evidences of popularity and approval of his course by the people.

In 1911 he built five good bridges in the township, and in 1912, so far has built fourteen of cement, fine structures of which the people of the township are justly proud. He has about seventy-five miles of roads to look after, and he gives his work in caring for them studious and scientific attention. He understands how to make good dirt roads and turnpikes also, and applies his knowledge on the subject and the materials available for it with good judgment and a high order of skill. He is also somewhat of an expert on bridge building and repairing both roads and bridges. In the office of drainage commissioner, in which he served for a time, he also won high credit for himself as a knowing man of good judgment, and gave the township excellent results from his skill and industry in the administration of the office.

Mr. Grams is a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. They are cordial and liberal supporters of their congregation in the sect, and hard workers in connection with all its interests. Tall, erect, sinewy and athletic, standing six feet high and weighing one hundred and eighty-five pounds, Mr. Grams is as fine a specimen of physical manhood as can be found anywhere. But his manhood in other respects is in keeping with his physical stature and proportions, and challenges admiration wherever he is known. His word is as good as his bond always, and his stern devotion to duty is ever guided by lofty ideals, breadth of view and judicious discrimination between the seeming good and the real good of the community. London township and Monroe county have no better citizen, and none who is more highly or more justly esteemed and relied on.

FRED LINENFELSER. The Germans in America form an important class of good, reliable and industrious citizens, who can be depended upon to work hard, save their earnings, and so invest their capital that it will afford excellent returns, not only to themselves, but to the community in which they settle and carry on their operations. An example of German industry may be found in the career of Fred Linenfelser, of Maybee, proprietor of the large tile and brick factory, which has been developed into one of the leading industries of this part of the state. Mr. Linenfelser, who has been engaged in his present business for twenty-three years, and is one of the best-known brick and tile manufacturers of the county, was born in Baden, Germany, December 30, 1860, and is a son of Pies Linenfelser, who emigrated to the United States with his family and spent his last years in agricultural pursuits in Monroe county, Michigan, owning a fine property in London township. He and his wife were faithful members of the Catholic church, and were well known and highly esteemed in their community.

Fred Linenfelser was educated in the district schools, and continued to assist his father in the work of the home farm until he started to learn the brick making business in the Hecker Tile and Brick Factory, where he remained some years and rose to the position of foreman. In 1908 he erected his present factory, the kiln of which is twenty-one by sixty-three feet, while a fifty horse-power engine operates the machinery in the three large buildings. Steam heat is used above and below, an elevator has been installed to carry passengers to the second story, and

the capacity of the buildings and sheds is one hundred thousand brick, or fifty thousand tile, the annual output being three hundred thousand brick and tile per annum. Seven men are employed in the works, and the finest of clay is used, the product finding a ready market and commanding the highest prices. Those associated in business with Mr. Linenfelser as stockholders in the enterprise are Henry Liedel and George Hocknadel, well-known business men of Maybee. Mr. Linenfelser is a man of sterling integrity, and has gained an enviable reputation through his participation in business ventures of strict legitimacy only. No enterprise looking towards the eventual betterment of the community need fear of not securing Mr. Linenfelser's support, for he is a friend of interest and lends his influence towards securing all improvements possible. As a side line, Mr. Linenfelser sells insurance for the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, in Exeter township, and claims that he represents the best company in the state of Michigan, and one which has paid every loss for forty-eight years. His wide acquaintance and popularity have gained him a large amount of business in this line, and he has never been known to misrepresent matters or to take advantage of those who place their confidence in him.

In 1888 Mr. Linenfelser was united in marriage with Miss Lena Bitz, who died shortly thereafter. Later he was married (second) to Miss Josephine Hoffman, daughter of John and Joanna Hoffman, the latter of whom survives, while the former was a pioneer settler and agriculturist of Monroe county, where he died. Mr. and Mrs. Linenfelser have had seven children, namely: Bernard, Anna, John, Robert, Margaret, Monica and Elmer.

PETER T. JOHNSTON. The combination of attributes that are necessary to be possessed for a man to be successful in several lines of endeavor have enabled Peter T. Johnston, of Milan, to rise to a prominent position in commercial life after having spent his earlier years exclusively in farming, and at this time he is recognized as a leader in the industrial affairs of his city, where he has spent the last fifty years. Mr. Johnston was born at Macon, Lenawee county, Michigan, December 15, 1846, and is a son of John Johnston, a native of Seneca county, New York. John Johnston was educated and reared to manhood in the Empire State, and was there married to Charlotte Vescelius, also a native of New York. Shortly after their marriage they came to Macon township, Lenawee county, Michigan, where they made a home in the woods, and there by industry and perseverance developed a home in the wilderness, and became leading people of their locality. Mr. Johnston, who was born August 20, 1809, died September 3, 1889, while his wife, born October 11, 1817, passed away July 13, 1886. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Andrew, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war and died in Andersonville Prison; George, who served for four years in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry during the War of the Rebellion, and died in December, 1910; Peter T.; Margaret; Sarah; Albert; Frank and Nettie.

Peter T. Johnston received his education in his native neighborhood, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He continued to reside under

the parental roof until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he was married, in Washtenaw county, Michigan, to Scelora Hanson, who was born, reared and educated in Milan township, Monroe county, daughter of Peter Hanson, of New York, who is now living at the age of ninety-one years, and whose brother, Allen Hanson, served in the Union army during the Civil war. After his marriage, Mr. Johnston purchased a farm of sixty-five acres of wild land in Milan township, on which he first erected a pole shanty and one year later bought a log house, afterwards a frame. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings, and added to his holdings from time to time, now having one hundred and sixty-one acres in his home farm, as well as eighty acres on the Ridge road, in section six. On both of these properties he has made numerous improvements, including good residences, large barns, and well-kept fences, modern machinery and first-class equipment. In addition he became a large raiser of sheep and cattle and was very successful in this line, becoming one of the leading shippers in his part of the county. In 1908, however, Mr. Johnston decided to enter the field of business, and with his sons purchased the Lamb Lumber Yard, which they have since conducted, and which under their able management has grown and extended materially. They now handle a large stock of all kinds of lumber, lime, cement and hard and soft coal and have built up an excellent business through progressive and honorable methods. Mr. Johnston owns a handsome home on Wabash street, where he has four acres of land, and his sons have residences near him. He is a Republican in his political views, but has never cared for public office, and his fraternal connections are limited to the Masons. Through the half a century of years that he has resided in Milan, Mr. Johnston has made and retained numerous friendships both in and outside of business life, and his career has been that of an honorable and upright business man and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have had two sons and two daughters: Allen C., Reuben H., Mrs. Mamie Lewis, of Macon, and Miss Ada, at home.

Allen C. Johnston, a member of the firm of P. T. Johnston & Sons, was born July 15, 1875, and grew up on the homestead farm, his education being secured in the district schools and graduated from the Business College of Ypsilanti, Michigan. On July 17, 1899, he enlisted for service in the Thirtieth Regiment, United States Infantry, under Captain Charles P. Newberry, for service in the Philippines, and was sent with his regiment to Tayabas Province, where he spent one year in scouting and skirmishing with the natives. He then returned to San Francisco, California, via Japan, and was duly discharged from the service, April 3, 1901. He subsequently served in the government employ at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, New York, at the time of the assassination of President McKinley, and held a like position at St. Louis, and then returned to his home. He has been engaged in business with his father and brother since 1907, and is known as a progressive and enterprising young business man of much more than ordinary ability. He was married to Miss Louise J. Liersch, and they have one son, Peter E.

Reuben H. Johnston, who is engaged in the lumber business at Milan with his father and brother, and like them is well and favorably known

to the business citizens of this locality, was born January 20, 1874, in Milan township, and has here spent his entire life. He married Miss Susan McKee, and they have one daughter, Mabel C.

LACHLAN J. BELL, M. D. Among the professions the one making the most demands upon time, experience and study, is probably that of medicine, and to make a success of his profession the doctor must at all times be willing to sacrifice everything for it. Monroe county can boast of many successful men of medicine, who have devoted their lives to the alleviation of the ills of suffering mankind, and among these may be mentioned Lachlan J. Bell, M. D., who for the past fifteen years has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Milan. The Doctor, like many of Monroe county's prominent professional men, is a Canadian, having been born at Chesley, county Bruce, Province of Ontario, a son of James and Catherine (McCalder) Bell, natives of Ontario, both of good old Scotch families.

The early education of Dr. Bell was secured in his native place, and he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Wyman, of Detroit. After some preparation, he entered the Medical and Surgical College of Detroit, Michigan, and was graduated therefrom in 1896, with honors, and immediately began the practice of his profession in that city. Later he removed to Azalia, Monroe county, but after eighteen months changed his field of practice to the village of Milan, where he has since continued. He has been a close student all of his life, and has kept in constant touch with all the advancements and discoveries of the sciences of medicine and surgery. In 1910, he took a trip to Europe, where he prosecuted a post-graduate course in the medical colleges of Vienna, Austria-Hungary, and also took special work in surgery. His success in a number of complicated cases has established him firmly in the confidence of the people of Milan and the surrounding country, and as a result he has a large and lucrative practice. He takes an active interest in the work of the various organizations that have for their object the advancement of the various branches of the medical and surgical sciences, and among his confreres he is recognized as a man who has gone far and will go further in his profession. Dr. Bell is a man of forceful personality and strong physique, weighing in the neighborhood of two hundred and thirty-five pounds, and his kindly manner and sympathetic nature make his presence in a sick room of much benefit to the patient. He belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter of the Masonic fraternity at Milan and to the Commandery at Ann Arbor, and holds membership also in the Odd Fellows. He takes an active interest in all matters that pertain to the welfare of Milan and its people, and can always be relied upon to give his hearty support to movements of a progressive or beneficial nature.

Dr. Bell was united in marriage with Miss Violet Fitzpatrick, of Monroe county, April 14, 1897. Mrs. Bell is a lady of refined tastes, and like her husband is widely and favorably known in social circles of Milan. They have two bright and interesting children: Gladys, who is thirteen years old, and Hal C., eleven years of age, both of whom are pupils in the Milan schools.

LINN BARNES. A brave defender of his flag, always ready for duty wherever his services have been needed, either in peace or war, Linn Barnes, a prominent farmer and one of the most desirable citizens of London township, Michigan, sets an example of noble-minded living and true patriotism that the rising generation will do well to follow. Mr. Barnes was born in London township, Monroe county, Michigan, February 17, 1841, the year of the birth of the late King Edward, of England, and is a son of Eleazer and Calista (Troop) Barnes.

Eleazer Barnes was born at Rutland, Vermont, a member of an old and prominent New England family, and was there reared and educated, and married Calista Troop, of New York, daughter of Joseph Troop. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes came to Michigan in 1833, settling in Monroe county, where Eleazer Barnes was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, his death occurring when he was eighty-one years of age. His wife passed away when she was advanced in years, having been the mother of four children: Helen, who is deceased; Linn; Helen, (deceased), and Dora, who is also deceased.

Linn Barnes was reared on the old homestead farm in London township, and received his education in the district schools, which has been supplemented by much reading and observation in after life. At the time of President Lincoln's call for three hundred thousand troops, Mr. Barnes responded by enlisting, August 24, 1861, in the Eleventh Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Nelson Chamberlain and Colonel May. The regiment was ordered to the south and became a part of the command of General Rosecrans, following which it participated in numerous hard-fought battles and bloody skirmishes. Among the most important engagements in which this hard-fighting regiment took part may be mentioned Louisville, Beardstown, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Stone River, Missionary Ridge and New Hope church. After serving three years, Mr. Barnes was honorably discharged, with a brave and gallant record of which any man might well be proud. Returning to his home, he took up the peaceful occupation of farming, till 1900, in which he had been engaged to the time he located in Milan, Michigan, with much success. He was married to Miss Nellie Dodge, of Dundee township, daughter of Joshua Dodge, an early settler of Dundee township, and six children were born to this union: Myra, Maggie, Penn, Charles H., William and Eleanor died in infancy.

Mr. Barnes is now the owner of forty acres of finely cultivated land, located in London township. He is considered one of the substantial agriculturists of his section, and in his declining years is enjoying the fruits of his early labor. He is a popular comrade of Lucius Taylor Post No. 274, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milan, and as one who offered his life that the country might live is honored and esteemed by all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have given their children good educational advantages, fitting them for whatever position in life they may be called upon to fill, and they have grown to sturdy manhood and womanhood, a credit to their parents and to their community. The sons have followed in the footsteps of their father, and two sons have valuable farming land in London township, where all the members of the family

have numerous friends. Mrs. Barnes is a consistent member of the Methodist church.

GEORGE W. PENCE, whose career as a soldier, citizen and agriculturist has reflected the greatest credit upon himself and his community, is now one of the well-known residents of Milan township, among whose citizens he numbers many warm friends. A native of Huntington, Indiana, Mr. Pence is a member of an old and honored family, and was born November 27, 1840, a son of Jonas and Susan (Offenbacher) Pence, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pence's parents had four sons: George W.; Harrison, who was a member of the First Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, and died at Milan; Isaac, who was a soldier in the regular army, enlisting at the time of the Mormon trouble in Utah, and Samuel D., also a veteran soldier, who died at Milan. The father of these children died in the faith of the Methodist church, at the age of seventy-nine years, Mrs. Pence having passed away when she was sixty years of age.

George W. Pence was reared on his father's farm, and secured his education in the district schools of his native locality. As a young man he accompanied his parents to Monroe county, Michigan, and was working at agricultural pursuits at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. Shortly thereafter, August 2, 1861, he enlisted at Trenton, Monroe county, as a member of Company K, First Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Mann and Colonel Broadhead. The regiment subsequently went to Detroit, where Mr. Pence was mustered into the service for three years or during the war, and later traveled to Washington, D. C. The First Michigan was known as one of the hard-fighting, competent regiments of the Union army, and participated in many bloody engagements, at all time conducting itself with the greatest valor and bravery. Such great struggles as Second Bull Run, Winchester, Orange Court House, Martinsburg and Cedar Creek saw this regiment in the thick of the battle, and at the last named engagement seven thousand prisoners and twenty-two battle flags were captured by the victorious Union troops. Thirty-six pieces of heavy artillery were captured at Travillion Station, and at the great battle of Gettysburg the First Michigan, after a thrilling charge, captured three hundred wagons. Later they crossed the river on pontoon bridges, and subsequently participated in the Wilderness campaign under General Grant, where the Federal troops were forced to endure a heavy fire all along the line of battle from the breastworks thrown up by the Confederate soldiers. Mr. Pence was never wounded in spite of the terrific battles in which he was a participant, but became sick and was confined to the hospital for a number of weeks. With this exception he was always on hand to do his duty cheerfully and faithfully, earning alike the respect of his officers and the admiration and friendship of his comrades. He participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., after the close of the war, following which he was sent west, via Cairo, Illinois, to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and to Denver, Colorado, and then over the old California trail to Fort Bridger, on the Platte river. In Detroit he received

his honorable discharge, June 30, 1866, with a record of which any veteran of the War of the Rebellion might well be proud.

At the close of his military career, Mr. Pence returned to the peaceful vocation of farming, in which he has been engaged to the present time, owning an excellent property just on the outskirts of the village of Milan. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Markel, who died in January, 1911, when past eighty years of age, a woman of Christian character, and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Pence is a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Lucius Taylor Post, at Milan. He is known as a progressive, enterprising man, who is honored not only for his faithful services during the great war between the states, but also because of his signal services to his community as a developer of its interests and industries.

HERMAN D. KELLER. Holding prestige as superintendent of the second largest plant of its kind in the United States, Herman D. Keller, of the Ideal Furnace Company, at Milan, Michigan, belongs to that class of citizens, who, born in the Fatherland, are possessed of the ability, industry and perseverance to gain a successful position in the world of business, even though their start in life has been conspicuous by its lack of advantages. Mr. Keller was born November 1, 1855, in Germany, a member of a family that had long been known for its thorough probity and honesty. He received some training in his native tongue in the German schools, and since that time has thoroughly mastered both the German and the English languages. He was nine years of age at the time he came to the United States, his parents settling in Buffalo, New York, in the schools of which city he completed his education. On finishing school, Mr. Keller entered a foundry, and during the years that followed thoroughly familiarized himself with every detail of the business, from the very humblest position to the highest. He spent some time with the Iron and Brass Manufacturing Company, of Detroit, Michigan, and later secured a position with the Rathbone & Sard Company, at Albany, where he was foreman for three years. Subsequently he entered the employ of Fuller, Warren & Company, at Troy, New York, and later went to Chicago as superintendent of the Cribben & Sexton Company. The next twelve years were spent as manager for the Northwestern Foundry and Supply Company, of Detroit, Michigan, and in 1907 he accepted his present position of superintendent of the Milan branch of the Ideal Furnace Company, of Detroit.

The Ideal Furnace Company, the second largest concern of its kind in the United States, the Milan plant being the largest of any kind in Monroe county, is an old-established firm, and one which has built up a widespread reputation through excellence of products and thorough integrity in all business dealings. It manufactures heating apparatus of all kinds, for steam heat, hot air or hot water heating. A fine plant was erected at Milan in 1903, 825x400 feet, and was equipped with modern machinery and appliances for the manufacture of heating devices. This handsome plant was destroyed by fire in December, 1906, but within forty days was rebuilt and was manufacturing at full speed. On an average of one hundred and seventy-five men are employed in

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this concern, all kinds of heating apparatus (including castings and flat irons) being shipped to every state in the Union. Mr. Keller is thoroughly competent to handle a business of the magnitude of the Ideal Furnace Company. A man strong in his convictions as to what constitutes right and wrong, he is known among his employees as an absolutely fair-minded employer and as one who will at all times conserve their interests. Of a kind and genial personality, he has hosts of friends both in and outside of business circles.

In 1879 Mr. Keller was married to Miss Mary Miller, who was born, reared and educated in Toledo, and to this union there have been born the following children: Mary J., wife of P. F. Closhey, of Detroit; Frank H., cashier of the Gottlieb Merchandise Company, of Cokedale, Colorado; John G., with the Ideal Furnace Company, Milan; Catharine, the wife of R. L. Parisian; Louis; and Herman, in the sales department of the Ideal Furnace Company at Detroit. Mr. Keller has one of the finest homes in Milan, a modern bungalow which is furnished with all modern improvements, and furnished comfortably and tastefully. He and his wife and children are members of the Catholic church, Mr. Keller being secretary of the board of church trustees and an active worker in religious movements.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE AND ACADEMY. To the citizens of Monroe who take pride in the growth and progress of the city, no institution is more dear than St. Mary's—its convent, academy and magnificent new college,—to which they point with feelings of just pride as the crown and glory of the "Floral City." They witnessed its humble beginnings, sixty-six years ago, when the seeds of this pioneer organization were planted on the north bank of the Raisin river; and they have also witnessed its marvelous growth through all the intervening years. A great and noble institution has been here built up and its influence has far transcended local limitations, as even the brief record here entered will show.

It was in the autumn of 1845 that the Rev. Louis Gilet, C. SS. R., rector of the Redemptorist Fathers, who was at that time in charge of St. Mary's church, showed himself eager and anxious to establish a school for the children of the parish, and, not being able to secure religious teachers from any one of the few orders then in this country, determined to organize a congregation of religious women who would devote their lives to the education of youth. Three young women responded to his call, received the religious garb of St. Mary's church and assumed the religious names of Sister Teresa, Sister Ann and Sister Celestine. Two months later they were joined by M. Godfroy Smith, whose brother was at that time mayor of Monroe, and she took the name of Sister Alphonsine. These four members became the foundation upon which Father Gilet began the work of building up the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He builded wiser than he knew; for although he was denied the joy and satisfaction of completing the work, as he had been called to the missionary fields of France and Italy, yet he had laid the foundation broad and deep, and the Redemptorist Fathers continued the work until it was taken up in 1857, by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward Joos, who carried it on to com-

pletion and who devoted forty-three years to the best interests of the community, temporal and eternal. To Father Joos a brief memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work. Today the sisterhood, disseminated through various dioceses throughout the United States, has a membership of more than twelve hundred teachers, while the enrollment of pupils is nearly fifty thousand.

The first school was opened in January, 1846, but so great was the increase in the number of pupils that the founder was obliged to erect a large, two-story frame building, which was supplied with a tower and a bell. Small beginnings were marked by rapid growth—a growth that during the long intervening years has kept pace with the organization it represents and which has crowned with success the ceaseless effort, the earnest and steadfast endeavor of these self-sacrificing women who are devoting their lives to the education of the young and who are constantly exercising an uplifting influence upon all life around them, making the world better because they are in it, though not of it.

Before the close of the last century there was a change in the world in regard to women, due largely to industrial conditions. The material and not the ideal marked the progress of the human race. Woman was forced into industrial employments and compelled to assume the management of commercial responsibilities. Entering higher employments, woman required higher education. St. Mary's, realizing that this change of condition was one of expediency whose trend and impetus are of God, put forth every effort to meet the demands of the young women entering her gates. "Right knowledge and right training in a spiritual atmosphere are the things that make for noble womanhood." Without changing their standard or their ideal, which are essentially the same that Christianity established for womanhood twenty centuries ago, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart have established a system of education that is best adapted to insure the development of mind and soul and body; and today they have the gratification of knowing that their principles of instruction have not only won the recognition but also the emphatic commendation of educators in the leading American institutions of learning.

Knowing that environment and the invisible presence of moral forces strengthen and elevate the character where mind development alone fails, the sisters have beautified their surroundings and built up an ideal school that ranks among the leading educational institutions in the country. It has a pleasant home atmosphere that renders it attractive, and its beautiful campus, its island park and the adjoining farm offer every inducement to outdoor exercise.

The new college is unsurpassed by any other of its kind in Michigan. It has a complete system of physical, chemical and botanical laboratories, a department of natural history, a museum, library and gymnasium, class rooms, art studios, conservatory of music, an auditorium with seating capacity of one thousand, parlors, private rooms, recreation halls, dining halls, dormitories, kitchen and a special department of domestic science. This last mentioned department is in charge of a special teacher, as is also the gymnasium. A capable chef is in charge of the kitchen and provides an excellent and varied menu.

St. Mary's College is incorporated under the laws of the state and is empowered to confer degrees. The academy is affiliated with the University of Michigan and with the state normal schools.

RT. REV. EDWARD JOOS, V. G. No work touching the history of Monroe county could be consistent with itself were there failure to direct within its pages special attention to the revered man and noble shepherd whose name introduces this sketch and who was long a prominent and influential representative of the interests of the Catholic church in Michigan, where he labored with all of consecrated zeal and devotion.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward Joos was born in Somergem, a town in East Flanders, Belgium, and the year of his nativity was 1825. His preliminary educational discipline was secured in the schools of his native town, and he pursued his classical studies in the college at Thielt, in West Flanders, an institution in which he was graduated in 1843. He then entered the Catholic seminary in the city of Ghent, where he completed his philosophical and theological courses and where he was ordained to the priesthood in the year 1848. After his ordination, Father Joos spent nine years in parish work at Eecloo, an ancient town of East Flanders, but his ardent love for souls made him long for the missionary fields afar. Thus, in 1856, he severed the gracious ties that bound him to the land of his birth and came to America, where he soon afterward placed himself at the disposal of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lefevere, of Detroit, who appointed him, in 1857, to the pastorate of St. Mary's church, in Monroe, and ecclesiastical superior of the newly organized congregations of the sisterhood of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

After a pastorate of thirteen years, rich in sacrifices and fruitful in spiritual conquests, Father Joos withdrew from all pastoral duties to devote himself to the cause of Christian education; for, with that wisdom which characterized his whole life, he recognized this as the work God had destined him to do, and for forty-three years he devoted all his energies, his hopes, his prayers, his sacrifices to the furtherance of this great and noble cause. His authoritative voice proved the strength of the growing educational community and his spiritual teaching the success of its incessant labors. In his quiet and effective way, marked by devotion and foresight, he gave to the work of the community organization such correct direction as to thoroughly identify it with Catholic life and progress, thus winning to it the esteem of both priests and people, who justly regard it as an ideal sisterhood. The "brick and mortar" period of the local institution began with his advent in this field. Building after building was added, each meeting the demands of the day and each in proportion to the means at hand to cover its expense.

In 1877, Rt. Rev. Bishop Borgess appointed Father Joos vicar general of the diocese of Detroit, and he was administrator of the diocese during the Bishop's visit to Rome. In 1889, in recognition of his long and faithful services, Pope Leo XIII raised Father Joos to the rank of monsignor and domestic prelate of the pope. He passed the closing years of his long and useful life at Monroe, where he died on the 18th of May, 1901.

Humility, gentleness and firmness were the most distinguishing



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characteristics of this truly great man. He was always just and kindly in his dealings with others, solicitous for the welfare of all. Anyone coming into his presence was invariably greeted with a tender smile that lighted up a face whose every feature betokened his gentleness and Christlike sweetness. This winning personality drew to him all hearts, for all who knew him recognized in him a kind father and a true priest—simple, unpretentious, helpful, full of hope, of faith and of charity. His memory will long be revered in the city and state which were his home for many gracious years.

NATHAN C. PHILLIPS. Among the venerable citizens of Milan township, one who has borne an important part in the development of this part of Monroe county, is Nathan Phillips, who for seventy-eight years has resided in the township of Milan. During this long period of time, Mr. Phillips has identified himself with all matters of importance that have been brought before the public and his conduct in the management of all affairs with which he has been connected has been such as to win the unqualified approval of all who know him. Nathan C. Phillips was born January 21, 1831, at Barre Center, Orleans county, New York, and is a son of Alvah Phillips, a native of the State of Vermont, and a grandson of Pierce Phillips, a soldier of the War of 1812. Alvah Phillips grew up in the State of New York, where he was married to Sally Mead, who was born in Seneca county, New York, a daughter of Newcomb Mead, an early settler in Michigan. Alvah Phillips and his family migrated to Michigan in 1834, and settled in Milan township, where he erected a log cabin in the woods, the rest of his life being spent in the clearing and developing of a farm. His death occurred in 1844, while his wife passed away two years later, when she was forty-one years of age. They had three children, as follows: Chilson, who is now deceased; Mrs. Amanda Phillips, a widow of Milan township; and Nathan. Alvah Phillips was a Whig in his political views, became a prominent man of his day, and was honored and esteemed by all who knew him, while his wife was admired and beloved for her many Christian qualities of character.

Nathan Phillips grew up amid pioneer surroundings, assisting his father to develop a farm in a country where there were still bears, deer and wild turkeys to be found in plenty, and where the inroads of civilization had yet failed to penetrate. His education was secured in the primitive pioneer country schoolhouses, and as he grew to manhood he adopted the vocation of farmer as his life work. At the age of twenty-one years, he was married to Miss Anna Wilcox, a woman of many admirable qualities of mind and heart, who was born in the Empire State, a daughter of Lot Wilcox, an early settler of York township, Washtenaw county, Michigan. Mrs. Phillips, who died February, 1906, at the age of seventy-three years, was a woman whose many charities and gentle Christian spirit caused her to be known and beloved throughout this part of the township. Her death was sincerely mourned, not only by the members of her immediate family, who knew her for a faithful wife and loving mother, but by numerous friends and acquaintances who found her place in their lives hard to fill. A faithful member of the Methodist

Episcopal Church, she was active in its work, and the extent of her charities probably will never be known. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips had three children: Miss Alma, who lives on the old homestead with her father; Clara, who is the wife of Perry Palmer, a prosperous farmer of London township; and Ferridon, who is one of the well-known and successful citizens of Milan township.

Mr. Phillips now has one of the really valuable farms of this part of Monroe county, a tract that has been brought to its present high state of cultivation through the persistent and untiring efforts of its owner. A beautiful modern rural home, situated in the midst of a wide lawn and spreading shade trees, graces the tract, and the nine rooms are furnished with taste and elegance. In the declining years of his life, Mr. Phillips is enjoying all the comforts that come after years of well-directed toil, and his neighbors grant him that respect and esteem that is only given to those whose efforts have been directed towards the good of the community. He has been active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, at present being a steward, and for many years was active in Sunday School work, his son having succeeded him in the position of superintendent. For fifty years he has been a Master Mason. Active in the cause of education, morality, progress and good citizenship, Mr. Phillips is eminently worthy of the prominence and good fortune that has come to him, and in the evening of life can look back over a career well spent, satisfied in the knowledge that it bears no stain or blemish.

BURTON A. DRAPER. A life-long resident of Milan township, where his energies have been devoted to the cultivation of the soil, Burton A. Draper is known as one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Monroe county and as a member of that class of citizens who, while advancing their own interests, so conduct their operations as to promote the welfare of their community. Mr. Draper was born in Milan township, Monroe county, Michigan, January 9, 1873, and is a son of Walter and Fanny (Taylor) Draper. Walter Draper served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, making a gallant record, and on returning to the vocations of peace, established himself as a farmer and made a no less creditable record as a private citizen, and at his death, which occurred July 31, 1911, was known as a man of integrity and honorable business dealing. His wife was a daughter of William Taylor, and they had a family of three children, namely: Francis W., who makes his home at Richmond, Indiana; Burton and Sarah, of Milan township, now the wife of Edward Campbell in Algoma, Wisconsin.

Burton A. Draper received his early education in the district schools of his native vicinity, this being supplemented in after life by observation and reading. He was reared to the vocation of agriculturist, and continued to work on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. Mr. Draper wedded Miss Grace Bell Sherman, one of the estimable ladies of Milan township, and to this happy marriage has been born two sons and one daughter. The eldest was the little daughter, Fern, who died in infancy; then Harmon B., aged thirteen years, who is in school and bright in his studies; Maurice B., aged four years, is the youngest.

Mrs. Draper is one of those pleasant, affable ladies whom it is a joy to meet. She has a happy home and has been an able helpmate to her husband in the establishment of his cozy and comfortable home. She has hosts of friends because of her happy and social disposition, and their pretty home is ever open to their many friends.

John Sherman was born January 30, 1836, in the State of New York, a son of John and Anna (Keith) Sherman. He was a farmer by occupation and as a young man came to Michigan, where he spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1904. During the Civil war he served as a private in the Twenty-third Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He married Prudence Gay, who was born in Milan township, daughter of Joseph and Prudence (Buell) Gay, and after his death she was married to John Jacobs of Milan, a soldier. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman had a family of seven children: John; Edith; George; Nellie; Simon; Grace, who married Mr. Draper; and Cora, deceased, who was the wife of Frank Draper, of Richmond, Indiana. The father of these children was noted for his thorough honesty and integrity. Throughout his life he practiced the Golden Rule, and it was often said of him that the reason he did not become a rich man was his unwillingness to take advantage of those who were less fortunate than he. No man stood higher in the estimation of his neighbors, and his hospitality was known throughout the township, his family table and fireside being at all times open to the travelers of the vicinity. In his death Milan township lost one of its best citizens, a man whose place it was hard to fill.

Burton A. Draper is one of the energetic agriculturists of his community, aided by his lovely wife, and has developed a nice property, which he is cultivating along scientific lines. He has been successful in his various ventures, and in achieving this success has still retained his many friends, who know him as a man of strong character and pleasing personality.

ALANSON AUTEN. By a long and honorable agricultural career, a thoughtful interest in others and public-spirited efforts in behalf of his community, Alanson Auten, of Milan township, has made himself one of the best known and most popular citizens of his community. His life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, and his activities have resulted in the development of a handsome property, known as Lily Dale Farm, located two and one-half miles southwest of Azalia. Mr. Auten was born in Milan township, Monroe county, Michigan, December 15, 1857, and is a son of Thomas and Adeline (Piper) Auten, natives of New York. Thomas Auten came to Monroe county in young manhood, here developing a tract of eighty acres of land from the wilderness, and making a prosperous and well-cultivated farm. He died on this land at the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife is yet living, aged seventy-seven years, honored and esteemed by all who know them. They had two children: Edward, deceased, formerly a farmer of Dundee township, who left a widow and four children; and Alanson. Thomas Auten was a Republican in his political views, but never entered public life, his agricultural operations satisfying all of his ambitions.

Alanson Auten grew up much as other lads of his day and locality,

his boyhood being divided between the district schools, which he attended during the winter terms, and the home farm, where he was taught the principles of agriculture by his father during the summer months. He remained under the parental roof until he was thirty-five years of age, at which time he was married and began farming on his own account, and in 1905 moved to his present property. He has been an industrious and persistent worker, and has labored with such good results that he is now the owner of one of the best farms of its size in Milan township, a forty-acre tract two and one-half miles southwest of Azalia, which he has appropriately named Lily Dale Farm. He has devoted his land to general farming, and also raises some stock, and his undertakings have proven uniformly successful. Mr. Auten has made his land more valuable by the erection of substantial buildings, which include an eleven-room house, beautifully situated in the center of a nice lawn and well-kept shade trees. The large bank-barn is 32x44 feet in dimension, and in addition there is a well-built granary, corn crib and other buildings. Pastures, meadow land and grain fields all reflect the greatest credit upon Mr. Auten's ability and thrift, and the general air of prosperity that pervades the premises testifies to the fact that he is rated among his community's substantial and solid men.

In 1893 Mr. Auten was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Johnson, at Petersburg, Michigan. She was born, reared and educated at that place, and is a daughter of Dennis Johnson, who was first a cooper and later became a farmer by vocation. He died at the age of seventy-two years, his wife having passed away when forty-seven years of age, and they were the parents of three children: Duana; Mrs. Nellie Reynolds and Mrs. Hattie Auten. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Auten, namely: Lestie Lewis, born December 23, 1895; Nellie Hazel, born August 4, 1900; and Maurice Elwin, born March 24, 1902. The children have had the benefits to be derived from excellent educational advantages, thus being fitted for any place which they may be called upon to fill in life. Mr. Auten is a Republican in his political views, but like his father has never cared for public office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his agricultural operations. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he has been active. Personally, Mr. Auten is a man of frank and genial manner, and his hosts of friends in Milan township will readily testify to his popularity and to the high esteem in which he is universally held.

MARTIN DENNISON. A brave defender of his flag, always ready when his services have been needed, whether in war or in peace, Martin Dennison, of Milan township, is one of those citizens whom their fellow townsmen respect, not only for the fact that they served their country bravely and well during the dark days of the great Civil war, but because they were able, when that stirring strife was ended, to return to their homes and take up the pursuits of peace, ready to prove themselves as citizens as they had as soldiers. Mr. Dennison has a war record of which any veteran might feel proud. On September 8, 1864, he enlisted at Jackson, Michigan, in Capt. Tanner's Company K, (later commanded by

Captain Thomas J. Conley), Ninth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Colonel W. W. Duffield. The regiment was at once ordered to report to General Thomas, at Atlanta, Georgia, at that time engaged in pursuit of General Hood's Confederate forces. Among the engagements participated in by this division were the battles of Chickamauga and Nashville, and following this the regiment continued in the south until the close of the war, being discharged in June, 1865, and paid off at Nashville. Mr. Dennison's record was creditable to him in every way, and at all times he had the esteem of his comrades and the respect of his officers.

Martin Dennison was born in Niagara county, New York, July 26, 1844, and is a son of James C. Dennison, a farmer of Seneca county, New York. His paternal grandfather was a native of England, while the grandfather on the maternal side, Jacob Deharsh, was a soldier during the War of 1812, and his mother, Margaret, was born on a farm in New York. The maternal great-grandfather was George VanSlyke, who served as a soldier during the Revolutionary war. The Dennison family migrated from New York to Michigan in 1854, settling in the woods of Monroe county, where they proceeded to clear a home. There they spent the remainder of their lives, the widow surviving her husband for some years and passing away at the age of eighty-seven, one of the best known ladies of her county. She and her husband were firm adherents of the Methodist faith, and were the parents of five sons: John, Jacob, Joseph, Charles and Martin.

Martin Dennison received his education in the public schools of Niagara county, New York, and Monroe county, Michigan, and was twenty years of age when he enlisted for service in the Union army. On his return from his military career, he was married to Mrs. Mary J. (Webster) Riley, widow of Bernard Riley, a soldier of the Ninth Michigan Volunteers, who met his death at the hospital at Chattanooga and was buried in the National Cemetery there. He left three children, viz: Gertrude, who died as a baby; Catherine, who passed away at the age of seventeen years; and James D., a resident of Milan township. Mrs. Dennison was born on the farm on which she now lives, a daughter of Kilburn and Rose (Johnson) Webster, the former a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, and the latter of the Emerald Isle. Mr. and Mrs. Webster had two children: Mrs. Hannah Henderson, and Mrs. Dennison. To Mr. and Mrs. Dennison there have been born four children, namely: John; Mrs. Frances Auten; Charles and Elwood.

Mr. Dennison is engaged in carrying on general farming and stock-raising, and has made a decided success of all of his ventures. He has his land in a high state of cultivation, with flourishing fields of grain and good meadow pasture land. His modern seven-room residence, which is tastefully furnished, is surrounded by shade trees and a finely-kept lawn. In addition to other substantial structures he has two modern barns, 30x46 feet and 20x28 feet, respectively. A man of the most hospitable nature, Mr. Dennison's latch-string always hangs out, and he at all times welcomes his numerous friends with sincere pleasure.

EDWARD A. ALLEN. Twin Pines Stock Farm, lying four miles south of Milan, in Monroe county, is one of the finely-cultivated and highly

improved tracts of Milan township, and its present desirable condition has been brought about through the efforts of its owner, Edward A. Allen, who has lived on this land for nearly thirty years. Mr. Allen has been a resident of Monroe county since 1868, and during this time has become widely and favorably known throughout its area, fairly gaining a reputation for the strictest integrity and probity of character. He was born February 19, 1856, in Danville, Livingston county, New York, and is a son of Justice Allen, a native of Vermont, and a member of the family to which General Ethan Allen belonged. Justice Allen married Eliza A. Walling, daughter of Samuel Walling, and when their son, E. A., was twelve years of age, the family migrated to Michigan. They at once located on a farm in Milan township, and there spent the remainder of their lives in agricultural pursuits, being honored and respected by all who knew them. Justice Allen was a Baptist in his religious belief, and a stanch friend of education, temperance, morality and good citizenship, and in his death Milan township lost one of its best citizens. He was three times married, and was the father of five children, namely: Rev. H. D., a well-known Baptist divine of Jackson, Michigan; Mrs. Frances Smith; Adeline, wife of Jerome Allen, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; E. A.; and one who is deceased.

E. A. Allen was reared on the old homestead, and his training was along the lines of industry and fair dealing. He received a good common school education, and as a young man began to carry on agricultural pursuits, with which he has been connected all his life. Early in his career he began to buy and ship stock, and this has been an important branch of his business, although he devotes himself to all the various branches of farm work. In 1883 he purchased his present farm, now a tract of one hundred and forty acres, which is very suitable for raising grain and grass. He has one of the most modern houses in the township, a ten-room residence, appropriately situated in the midst of a well-kept lawn, and the two massive pines which adorn the ground have caused the property to be named Twin Pines Stock Farm. In addition to three large barns for grain, Mr. Allen has a large horse barn and cattle sheds, and his pastures, meadows and grain fields are neatly fenced. The prosperous appearance of this property testifies eloquently to Mr. Allen's ability in matters agricultural, and he is also conceded to be one of the best judges of cattle in his township.

Mr. Allen is a Republican in his political views, and supports his party's candidates and principles actively. While he has not been an office seeker, he has served as delegate to various conventions, and has acted very acceptably in the capacity of township treasurer. Fraternally, he is connected with the local lodge of the Odd Fellows. Like all men who have had wide experience among their fellows, he is of genial disposition, a hail-fellow-well-met who has made and retained friends throughout the county.

EDWARD E. CEAS. The occupation of farming is a profitable one to those who know how to properly conduct their business, and who combine the various branches of the industry to the best advantage. One of those who is possessed of the knowledge, ability and experience neces-

sary to secure a full measure of success from his land is Edward E. Ceas, proprietor of the Macon Valley Stock Farm, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, lying three miles south of Milan, in Milan township, one of the best farms in Monroe county. Mr. Ceas is a native of Lorain county, Ohio, and was born near North Amherst, April 25, 1861, a son of Joseph and Ellen (Hubbard) Ceas. His father was a native of New York state, where he was educated and reared to manhood, and then removed to Ohio, where he was married to Miss Ellen Hubbard, a young woman of culture and refinement who had been a successful school teacher for some time. In 1882 they came to Michigan and purchased the Shubal Lewis farm, one of the best in Milan township, which was well-equipped with buildings, including the twelve-room brick residence, surrounded by beautiful maples. There are two large barns for hay and stock, a large horse barn, granary and other buildings, and the land is well graded, tiled and drained. The fencing is neat and of the best material, and the equipment and machinery modern in every respect. The Macon Valley Stock Farm is noted for the fine class of black Percheron horses bred by Mr. Ceas, who has spent years of time and thousands of dollars in money to secure the best animals that could be found. Percherons and German coach horses bred on this farm find a ready sale throughout Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin, and the high esteem in which Mr. Ceas is held in the business world is ample evidence of the integrity of his dealings. In this business he is in partnership with a Mr. Crawford, under the firm name of Crawford & Ceas, Mr. Crawford having charge of the business at Byron, Michigan, and Mr. Ceas at Milan. Mr. Ceas has a large wind mill, a silo for his stock, a tank house to furnish water for various purposes, and a handsome eight-room brick residence. He believes in progress in all things, and as a result takes advantage of all discoveries and inventions which apply to his business.

Mr. Ceas was united in marriage in Milan township to Miss Lena Baird, of this township, where she was reared and educated, the estimable daughter of Nelson Baird, of Milan, a well-known citizen and veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Ceas had two children: Edna, who is fifteen years of age and now a student in the township schools; and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Ceas is a man still in the prime of life, with his best years before him, and there is no doubt that he will advance still further in the world of business. A man of intelligence, and thoroughly abreast of all that pertains to the welfare of his community, he takes an influential part in advancing his township's interest and is justly considered one of Milan's most representative men. He is a staunch Republican politically.

EDWIN S. HAIGHT. Among the agriculturists of Monroe county, one who occupies a foremost position is Edwin Haight, who carries on extensive operations in section 19, London township, a man who has attained high position in educational, public and religious circles. He has the added distinction of being a native son of the county, having been born on a farm in London township, January 5, 1870, a son of George C. and Harriet (Howe) Haight. George C. Haight was a native of New York, from whence he came to London township, Monroe county, Michigan,

in young manhood, and here engaged in agricultural pursuits. Located in London township he there spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of sixty-eight years. During the Civil war he served as a member of the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry for three years, and in after life drew a pension for his services, and was a popular comrade of Lucius Taylor Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milan. He married Harriet Howe, who was born in London township, daughter of Joseph Howe, an early settler of Monroe county, and she died in young womanhood, leaving three children: Rollin W., Etta A. and Edwin S. Mr. and Mrs. Haight were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the children were reared in the faith of that denomination.

Edwin S. Haight was reared on the home farm, where he learned to respect and value hard labor, and his education was secured by attendance in the district schools and through much reading at home. At the age of twenty-one years he was married to Miss Lucy Stuart, who was born, reared and educated in London township, and who was for some years before her marriage a popular school teacher in Monroe county. Her father was Nathan Stuart, whose sketch appears on another page of this work, a justice of the peace for years, and an early settler of London township. He had seven children: Henry, Burt, Mary, Cevilla, Lucy, who married Mr. Haight; Kitty, who was a school teacher for some years, and Lorenzo, who enlisted in the Civil war and gave his life in battle.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Haight began housekeeping in London township, where Mr. Haight is now engaged in farming. His present property, a finely-cultivated tract of forty-six acres, which is known as Maple Hill Farm and derives its name from the beautiful maple trees which adorn it, is one of the most valuable properties of its kind in this part of the county, having been brought to its present excellent condition through Mr. Haight's hard and intelligent work. He has engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has been successful in his various ventures. In political matters Mr. Haight is a Republican, and is considered one of the influential supporters of the party in this section. At various times he has been called upon to fill positions of honor and trust, having served as township treasurer for some years and as school director. He and Mrs. Haight are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and have been very active in its work. Mrs. Haight is a teacher in the Sunday school, while Mr. Haight also acts as a member of the board of trustees of the church. Possessing a fine voice, Mr. Haight sings in the choir, and is also called upon to furnish the music at funerals, weddings and on other occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. Haight have had one son: Rollin S., a bright lad of fourteen years, who is attending school in the township. He finished the eighth grade. The family is well and favorably known throughout this section, where Mr. and Mrs. Haight have many friends.

CHESTER V. DANIELS. History has given us the names of many heroes who sacrificed much to the country's welfare, not stopping to think of personal loss or safety, but offering themselves to the cause of liberty and justice, and through their efforts preserving the solidity of the

Union. Every veteran of the Civil war commands our respect and honor, in memory of what was accomplished during the dark days of the war between the states. One of the youngest soldiers to enlist in the Union army during that struggle was Chester Daniels, now residing in London township, Monroe county, where he has for many years been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was born February 15, 1846, in Monroe county, Michigan, belonging to one of the oldest families of the Empire State, and was a son of Charles Daniels. Charles Daniels married Mary Peck, also a native of New York, who died when Chester was three years of age, while the father survived her only five years, passing away at the age of forty years. Left an orphan at the age of eight years, Chester Daniels left the home farm in the woods of Milan township, whence his father had come some years before, and found a home in the family of Matthew Masten, who gave him a district school education, and reared him to habits of honesty and integrity. He was engaged in working on the Masten farm at the outbreak of the Civil war, and when still a lad in his 'teens enlisted in the famous Twenty-fourth Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, which made a record second to none in the great struggle. Among the battles participated in this hard-fighting organization may be mentioned Hatch's Run, Weldon Railroad, Dabney's Mills, Lost Woods and the latter part of the battle of Petersburg, in addition to numerous minor battles and skirmishes. At the close of the war Mr. Daniels received his honorable discharge at Detroit in June, 1865, and returned to the peaceful occupation of farming, in London township.

Mr. Daniels was married to Miss Sarah Moyer, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Amos Moyer, one of the early settlers of Monroe county. Mrs. Daniel's brother, William Moyer, was also a soldier in the Civil war, being a private in the Eighteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and now resides in Clare county, Michigan. For three years following his gallant army service, Mr. Daniels was employed by Sylvester Woodward, and then spent a short time working in a stone quarry, following which he secured a small ten acre tract in Milan. This he subsequently sold, and in 1881 purchased his present farm, which he has developed into one of the best tracts of its size in the township. This property, which consists of sixty-one acres and is located two and one-half miles southeast of Milan, has a six-room house in addition to a fine large barn and appropriate outbuildings. He carries on general farming and devotes some attention to dairying and stock-raising, and all of his ventures have proved eminently successful. In political matters he is a staunch Republican, but has not cared to enter the public field, preferring to give his whole time and attention to his private interests. He is a popular comrade of Lucius Taylor Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Milan, and holds prestige as a member of the famous regiment that formed the escort for the body of the martyred Lincoln when it was taken from Washington to the president's old home at Springfield. The life of this sturdy soldier, farmer-citizen has been a long and useful one, and he deserves all of the success that has come to him and the regard and esteem that is universally accorded him.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels have four children, namely: Ida Millage, of Milan township; Mrs. May Bliss, also of Milan township; Ora A. Daniels,

of London township, and Daisy Alma, wife of Louis Cromie, of Detroit, with the telephone company.

HENRY STUART. Among the old and honored residents of Monroe county who are worthy of more than passing mention in a work of this nature, in that they have been residents of the county during its remarkable growth and development during the last half century and have done their share in bringing about the wonderful changes that have taken place here, is Henry Stuart, of London township, whose integrity and ability have been recognized on various occasions by his election to positions of honor and trust. Mr. Stuart was born in Monroe county, Michigan, November 5, 1847, and is a son of Nathan Stuart, an early settler of London township.

Nathan Stuart was born in Genesee county, New York, and was descended from a Scotch family whose forebears were chiefs of their clan, and in this country the Stuarts have occupied high positions in public, military and commercial life. Nathan Stuart's father died when he was six years of age, and he was reared in New York, and there married to Rosalind Butler. Among their children was a son, Alonzo Stuart, a soldier during the Civil war in the Eleventh Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry, who was taken sick at Nashville and confined in the hospital. His father traveled to the south and brought him back home, where he died a short time afterward, being buried in London Cemetery. He also brought back the body of John Moulton, who had died at Nashville. Nathan Stuart died at the age of seventy-five years, honored and respected by all who knew him. A staunch Democrat in politics, he rose to a prominent position in public life, serving as township supervisor, justice of the peace and in various other positions. By his second wife, Mr. Stuart had no children, but by a third union there were children as follows: George, Mary, Ina, Nathan, Sevilla, Lucy, who married Edwin Haight, proprietor of Maple Hill Farm, of London township, and Kitty, the last two named being for some time popular school teachers of Monroe county. Nathan Stuart was an active and enthusiastic Mason, with which fraternity he was connected for many years.

Henry Stuart was reared on the home farm, where he was taught to be industrious and honest, and his education was secured in the district schools of London township. When he was twenty-four years of age he was united in marriage with Miss Maria Davis, who was born, reared and educated in Dundee township, daughter of Asa Davis, a prominent citizen and early settler of Dundee township, who participated as a soldier in the Civil war, as did also his son, Charles Davis, who served in the Eighteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and who now lives in Milan. After his marriage, Mr. Stuart settled down to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been engaged to the present time, his ventures having proved eminently successful. His well-cultivated property consists of sixty-one acres, well-drained, graded and tiled and neatly fenced. On a neatly kept lawn, and surrounded by maple trees, is a modern six-room residence, well furnished and supplied with the latest improvements. In addition, there is a substantial barn, thirty-two by forty-six feet, with sixteen-foot posts, and a fine, modern silo of seventy

tons capacity. In every way Maple Side Farm compares favorably with others in this part of the county, and its general appearance gives evidence of the presence of thrift, ability and excellent management.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart have had one son, Charles, born, reared and educated in London township, who is now engaged in general farming on a valuable property adjoining that of his father. He married Mary Lamkin, a member of one of the early pioneer families of Monroe county, who was born and educated in London township, and is a daughter of Oliver Lamkin, who is a retired agriculturist of Milan. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stuart have two sons: Kenneth and Donald. Henry Stuart is a Democrat in his political proclivities, and has served his township very acceptably as highway commissioner and in other capacities. He and his wife are adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church, and have a wide circle of friends throughout Monroe county, where both the Stuart and Davis families are well and favorably known.

MINOR A. CAMPBELL. Monroe county shows some of the best regulated and most valuable farms in that part of the state, and they have been made thus desirable by the thrift, industry and perseverance of their owners, who, taking advantage of the various improvements and advancements that have been made during the past several decades, are raising large crops and steadily advancing the high standard of Michigan agricultural operations. One of those who has contributed materially to this growth and development, is Minor A. Campbell, of Milan township, who is well and favorably known in Monroe county as a skilled and progressive agriculturist. He was born March 7, 1869, on the old homestead farm of his father in Milan township, Monroe county, and is a son of Samuel Campbell. The latter is a native of New York state, and a son of Harry Campbell, who descended from the famous Campbell clan of Scotland, members of which have contributed greatly to the world's military history. James Campbell, a brother of Samuel, served through the Civil war as a Union soldier and returned home in safety, but another brother, Charles Campbell, was not so fortunate, being killed in battle and buried in the south. Samuel Campbell married Lydia Olds, who died at the age of sixty years, leaving five children: Frank, living in Milan village, and Charles, Albert, Minor A. and Sam P., living in the township. The father of these sons owns a fine property in Monroe county, and his sons have all turned their attention to agricultural pursuits and are property owners.

Minor A. Campbell spent his boyhood in much the same fashion as other farmers' youths of his day and locality, his education being secured in the district schools during the winter terms, while his summer months were passed in assisting his father and brothers in the work of the home farm and learning the principles of the business of farming. At the present time he is engaged in cultivating the farm of his grandfather, Harry Campbell, in Milan township, one of the best properties in this section, which he has brought up to a high state of cultivation. This property is now known as Highland Farm, and has been devoted almost exclusively to the raising of grain and the breeding of stock, although its soil is suitable for any kind of intensive farming. He

raises large crops, and deals extensively in horses and cattle, and in all of his ventures has been uniformly successful. He has improved his farm with good buildings, including a modern residence of nine rooms, and other buildings of an appropriate nature.

June 22, 1890, Mr. Campbell was united in marriage with Miss Theodosia Goethe, daughter of Thomas and Adeline Goethe, both of whom are deceased. They had six children, namely: Theodosia, Thomas, Henry, Burt, William and Alfred. Mrs. Campbell was born and reared in Monroe county, and received her education in Monroe Convent. She and her husband have five children, viz.: Samuel, Grace, James, Lydia and Alfred. Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have numerous friends in the vicinity of Milan, and their tastefully furnished home is a center of culture and refinement, where many of the leading social events of the community are held.

CHARLES E. DENTON. The successful life of any financial institution depends largely upon the character of the officials who control its policies, direct its operations and safeguard the interests of its depositors. The banks of Monroe county, as a class, are sound, reliable institutions, and in the care of financiers of experience, who conserve carefully the business of their patrons, a case in point being the Milan State Savings Bank, of which Charles E. Denton is the president. Mr. Denton, who is widely and favorably known in business and financial circles of Monroe county, has been an important factor in the development of this section. He was born in St. Clair county, Michigan, September 21, 1857, and is a son of Daniel and Celesta (Tolan) Denton, natives of Canada. Mr. Denton's parents removed from the Dominion to St. Clair county, Michigan, not long after their marriage, and later came to Milan, where Mr. Denton became the proprietor of a sawmill, located opposite the present site of the W. P. Lamkin mill. This pioneer mill was operated by Samuel and Daniel Denton for many years, doing a business of an extensive character and being of great value to the citizens of Monroe county, who came for miles around to bring their lumber here. Mr. Denton passed away when his son, Charles E., was nine years of age, leaving a widow and fourteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, and ten of whom are living at this time: Mary, Alonzo, Daniel, Celesta, who is deceased; Rexford, also deceased; Hattie, Benjamin, Ella, Simeon, Elizabeth, Samuel, Lucy, Charles E. and Frank. Daniel Denton was a prominent Mason and an ardent Democrat, and was honored and esteemed as a citizen and a business man. His widow, who survived him some years, was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and was a woman known and beloved for her many kindly and charitable qualities of mind and heart.

Charles E. Denton received his education in the public schools, this training being supplemented in after life by much observation and practical business experience. As a lad he worked on the farm, being reared to appreciate the value of industry and economy, and on attaining manhood started to farm in a small way. As he was financially able he purchased more land and fed more cattle and sheep, gradually

working himself into a position of importance as a shipper of cattle and sheep, his stock being purchased in Chicago and sold to the farmers of Monroe county in small lots. Gradually his business grew, as the farmers could depend upon him to secure stock for them at a reasonable degree of profit, and he then began fattening sheep for the markets, a business which he carried on for a quarter of a century.

March 20, 1879, Mr. Denton was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Redman, daughter of Thomas and Lodema (Childs) Redman, of England, the former of whom died in 1907, at the age of seventy-two years, one of his community's reliable citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Redman had two children: Clara, the wife of George Mangos, residing on the old family homestead, and Mrs. Jennie Denton. To Mr. and Mrs. Denton there were born three children: Ray, who is single and lives with his parents, being engaged in the stock business with his father; Lee, who married Lera Dexter, and has one son, Dexter; and Ernest, who married Edith Mead. The two last-named sons have nice homes and are engaged in general farming, as well as being interested in their father's stock operations. Charles E. Denton has a fine modern home in the village, with eleven rooms, surrounded by a well-kept lawn and beautiful shade trees, and equipped with furnace heat, hot water and electric lighting system. His farm, a tract of two hundred and forty acres, is one of the best in Milan township, and has been developed to a high state of cultivation.

The Milan State Savings Bank was organized in 1910, at which time Mr. Denton became one of its heaviest stockholders, and in 1911, he was elected its president, a position he has continued to occupy to the present time. Under his careful and conservative management the institution has prospered, having gained and maintained the confidence of the people to the fullest degree. A good business man, keen, shrewd and resourceful, his interests are large and have demanded the greater part of his attention, but he has, nevertheless, found time to serve his community as a councilman for ten years, and has been a member of the water board since its establishment in 1908. He has taken an active interest in fraternal matters, and belongs to the Blue Lodge and Chapter at Milan. Throughout his career, Mr. Denton's activities have been such as to bring him prominently before the public, and in every capacity he has so conducted himself and his operations as to win the entire confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen.

CHARLES GOODRIDGE. Prominent among the old and honored citizens of Monroe county, Michigan, whose activities have extended over a long period of years, may be mentioned Charles Goodridge, one of the successful farmers of Milan township and the owner of the handsome Yorkshire Farm, who has lived in this section for more than thirty-six years. Like many of Michigan's pioneer residents, Mr. Goodridge was born in England, being a native of Yorkshire, where his birth occurred October 11, 1837. His father was Thomas Goodridge, a prominent citizen and faithful member of the Methodist church, who died at the age of seventy-two years. There were four children in the family: George,

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who still lives in England; Anna, who is deceased; Charles and Jane who still lives in her native land.

Charles Goodridge received his education in the public schools of England, and received a careful rearing, being taught the value of hard work and honesty. At the age of twenty-nine years he was married to Miss Jane Brownbridge, who was born of a good Yorkshire family, daughter of William and Elizabeth Brownbridge. She was reared and educated in England, and has been a faithful wife and helpmate to her husband during all the years that have followed. In 1874, Mr. and Mrs. Goodridge left England for the United States, the first two years being spent in Livingston county. He then came to his present land in Milan township, Monroe county, where he purchased eighty acres and built a good log house and a substantial barn thirty by forty-two feet. Yorkshire Farm has been cultivated into one of the best and most productive in the township, and should be a source of great pride to its owner, who with two sons, is carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He uses progressive methods in his work, applying the latest principles and discoveries to the various branches of agricultural operations, and has testified in every way to his ability as a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodridge have had seven sons and three daughters, viz.: Thomas, Wm. B., Charles, Jr., Ann, George, Lizzie, who lives in California; Fred, also living in California; Arthur, Lillie and Burt. The children have all been given good educational advantages, and in their youth were trained to fill whatever position in life called them. Fred and Lizzie live at Los Angeles, where both have numerous friends. In political matters Mr. Goodridge is a Democrat, but has exercised his prerogative of voting for the man of his choice irrespective of party connection. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both have been active in the work of that denomination, while members of the family have at all times been ready to further church movements and to act in various capacities in the Sunday school. Although he is seventy-five years old, time has been lenient with Mr. Goodridge and he is still in full possession of his bodily health and vigor and in command of his faculties. He has at all times proven himself a good citizen and one who has the best interests of his community at heart, and as such fully deserves the high respect and esteem in which he is universally held.

SAM PETER CAMPBELL. Farming, with all its branches, has been considered a good line of business since the beginning of the world, but it has been practically only within the last quarter of a century that it has been brought to its highest state of development. The advent of scientific methods, intelligent treatment of the soil, crop rotation and the use of modern farming machinery has greatly advanced the opportunities for success in the field of agriculture, and those who have the intelligence and ability to carry on their operations in a proper manner are reasonably sure to accumulate a competence. One of the good, practical farmers of Milan township, who takes advantage of the benefits to be derived from modern methods, and who, as a result, is known as one of his section's leading agriculturists, is Sam Peter Campbell, a lifelong

resident of Monroe county. Mr. Campbell was born on the farm on which he now lives, in a house that stood less than ten rods from the one he now occupies, October 27, 1872. His father, Samuel Campbell, was an early settler of this township, and is now living at the age of eighty-one years. He was born in Fulton county, New York, a son of Harry Campbell, a pioneer of Milan township, and a descendant of the famous Campbell clan of the Highlands of Scotland, noted for its courage, bravery and loyalty. A son of Harry Campbell, James Campbell, served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war.

Samuel Campbell came to Michigan with his father in 1834, when he was three years of age, the family settling in the woods of Lenawee county, from whence Samuel Campbell moved to Milan township at the age of eighteen years. Here he married Lydia Olds, daughter of Joseph Olds, an early pioneer, and she died in 1901, having been the mother of six sons and one daughter: Frank, living in the village of Milan; Charles E.; Albert; Alfred, deceased at twenty-four years; Minor A., of Milan township; and Sam Peter; Agnes deceased at age of three years. Sam Campbell developed a fine farm, improved it extensively, and in 1872, erected a handsome brick residence. He is one of the highly esteemed men of his township, where he has a widespread reputation for integrity and honest dealing.

Sam Peter Campbell was reared on the family homestead, receiving his education in the district schools and being trained to habits of sobriety, industry and integrity. At the age of twenty-two years he was married to Miss Cynthia Edith Shaler, who was born, reared and educated in Milan township, daughter of Andrew Shaler, deceased, who was a soldier during the Civil war, whose widow, Mrs. Morilla Shaler now resides on a farm in Milan township. Mrs. Shaler has three children, namely: Charles, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Ruby Hazen.

Mr. Campbell has a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, devoted to the growing of grain and the breeding of stock. He has a full complement of good farm buildings, including a handsome residence and substantial barn, and his equipment in the line of machinery and appliances is the best to be secured. He is known as an able agriculturist and good judge of live stock, and as a citizen always takes a foremost part in any movements calculated to be of benefit to his community or its people. In politics he is a Republican, a director of the Milan State Savings Bank, at Milan, Michigan, but he has never cared for public office. He has interested himself in matters of a fraternal nature, and belongs to the Blue Lodge, No 323, Chapter No. 150, and Commandery of Masons No. 13, the latter at Ann Arbor, Michigan. His many admirable traits of character have served to draw about him a wide circle of friends, and as a man who has the best interests of his township at heart he has the respect and good will of all who know him.

WM. JOHN McMULLEN. The agricultural interests of Monroe county, Michigan, are in charge of efficient, capable men, who have given to their labor that application of scientific effort which is bound to bring the best results. Many of these men belong to families that have been connected with farming in this section for many years, and in this

class is John McMullen, the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred acres, in Milan township, whose parents came here more than sixty-five years ago. Mr. McMullen has been trained since earliest childhood in the principles of practical farming, and is today recognized as a man who is thoroughly capable of upholding the high standard set by the tillers of the soil in this section. Mr. McMullen is a native son of Milan township, and was born July 26, 1851. His father, William McMullen, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States as a young man, locating first in the state of New York, where he was married to Miss Essie Hines, who was born in county Fermanagh, Ireland. About the year 1845, Mr. and Mrs. McMullen migrated to the woods of Michigan, where they erected a log house in true pioneer style and there proceeded to clear a farm from the wilderness. Mr. McMullen's life was spent in clearing and cultivating this land, and at the time of his death, in his fifty-eighth year, he was one of the well-known and prosperous agriculturists of his part of the county. His wife passed away in middle life, having been the mother of six children, namely: James H., W. J., of Milan township; Margaret, John, Edward and Stella. Mr. McMullen was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Moreville, while his wife belonged to the Catholic faith.

Wm. John McMullen attended the district schools of Milan township during the winter terms, and assisted his father and brothers in cutting timber, clearing brush and preparing the fields of the home farm for crops, in addition to splitting rails and accepting whatever honorable employment presented itself. At the age of twenty-five years he was married to Zorada McClellen, of Milan township, daughter of Benjamin McClellen, and she died, leaving two children: Lovergne, who is deceased, and Pearl, wife of Frank Draper, of Richmond, Indiana. Mr. McMullen's second marriage was to Josephine VanDyke, who still survives.

Mr. McMullen has followed agricultural pursuits throughout his career, and is now the owner of one hundred acres of good land. General farming has claimed the greater part of his attention, but he has also met with a fair measure of success in raising cattle. He has made many improvements on his tract of one hundred acres, and has a nice farm residence, and good barn, granary and other buildings. Personally, he is a man of genial manner, and is possessed of a strong physique, weighing in the neighborhood of one hundred and eighty-five pounds. In political matters he is a Democrat, but outside of taking a good citizen's interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his township, he has not mixed in matters of a public nature. His life has been that of an honorable and upright citizen, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the community in which he has spent his entire life.

WILLIAM HORACE B. HEATH. Monroe county, Michigan, has been singularly fortunate in securing for its representatives in official office, men of integrity, sound business principles and high standing in their several communities, and it is for this reason, perhaps, as much as for any other, that the county's affairs are in such a healthy condition at this time. It is in a large degree to the public men of any section

that the people look for the encouragement of progress and development, and in the handling of public moneys it is desirable that men be selected who have reputations for solidity and unblemished character. London township and its citizens are to be congratulated that in the office of township treasurer they have such an efficient, faithful and conscientious official as Wm. H. B. Heath, whose popularity was made evident by his election on the Republican ticket in the spring of 1912, by a large majority. Mr. Heath, who has lived in this vicinity and in Washtenaw county for the past thirty years, was born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, March 26, 1864, and is a son of Horace Heath.

Horace B. Heath was born in the state of New York, belonging to an old and honored family of the Empire State. He grew to manhood in his native vicinity, and as a young man moved to Wood county, Ohio, where he was married to Polly O. Oakley, who also came from New York. Shortly thereafter they went to the state of Indiana, but subsequently made their way to Hillsdale county, Michigan, where Horace Heath died when H. B. Heath was about seven years of age. His widow surviving him many years and passing away at the home of her son in London township, when she was sixty-nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Heath were members of the Baptist church, and had a family of five children: Mary Jane, Truman B., George Eugene, Alonzo Charles and Wm. Horace B.

Wm. Horace B. Heath was reared on the home farm, where he was taught the value of honest labor, and his education was secured in the district schools of Hillsdale and Washtenaw counties, although the death of his father when he was a child, and the subsequent necessity of his contributing to the support of the family, somewhat curtailed his schooling, although he supplemented his early training by a great deal of reading and home study. As a young man he began working out by the week, and so continued until he was married, at the age of twenty-nine years, to Frances A. Fuller, who was born, reared and educated in London township, a daughter of Joseph Fuller, a veteran of the Civil war and early settler of Monroe county, who died in January, 1910, leaving a widow and four children: Ira B., living in Washtenaw county; Frances, who married Horace B. Heath; George H.; and Burley J. Two other children died; one in infancy, and Fanny at the age of twelve years.

Following his marriage, Mr. Heath began farming on his own account, and agricultural pursuits have demanded his attention to the present time. He is now the owner of Maple Lawn Farm, a fine tract of thirty-five acres, four miles east of Milan, on which is located a beautiful seven-room home, surrounded by a wide, well-kept lawn and numerous maple shade trees. In addition there is a substantial barn, thirty-four by forty-two feet, a silo with a capacity of forty-seven tons, ten by thirty feet, and large granaries, corn cribs and outbuildings. In addition to cultivating his own land, Mr. Heath superintends the work on the farm of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fuller, the whole property appearing as one large tract, the appearance of which denotes the presence of able and efficient management. He carries on general and dairy farm-

ing, raises some stock, and is considered one of the substantial agriculturists of his part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath have three bright and interesting children: Thurlow B., Ora J. and Florence Ruth. Mr. Heath has always been one of the wheel-horses of the Republican party, and has actively supported its principles and candidates. For thirteen years he has been a member of the district school board, and when his name was placed in nomination as the Republican candidate for the office of township treasurer, it was practically a foregone conclusion that he would be elected to the office. He is giving the people of London township a good, practical, business-like administration, and stands high in favor of the entire community.

HIRAM S. HOLMES. The appeal of the soil is very strong to some men, who return to farming as a means of livelihood after years spent in other pursuits, believing that in this vocation they can find a greater measure of success than any other. In this they are not far wrong if they are possessed of the knowledge and ability to follow agricultural pursuits, and some of Monroe county's most successful men are those who have taken up farming after spending years in another line of endeavor. In this class is Hiram S. Holmes, owner of Macon Lawn Farm, a fine tract of land located in Milan township, one and one-half miles southwest of the village of Milan. Mr. Holmes was born in Oneida county, New York, August 21, 1842, a member of an old and honored New England family, his father being Albert Holmes. John Holmes, the great-grandfather of Hiram S., was a soldier in General Washington's army during the Revolutionary war, and when his son, Jabez Holmes, marched away in defence of his country during the war of 1812-14, he carried the same powder horn that his father had used. This interesting old horn is now in the possession of Mr. Holmes, and is one of his most valued heirlooms. Albert Holmes married Miss Calphurnia Cooley, who was born in New York, daughter of Darius Cooley, a native of New York, and a soldier of the War of 1812. Albert Holmes and his wife came to Michigan in 1869 and settled near Petersburg, where the father died at the age of seventy-six years and the mother when sixty-five years of age. They were both honored and respected by all who knew them, for their many kindly qualities of mind and heart. For a number of years Mr. Holmes was a boatman on the Erie Canal, but from the time that he came west was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In politics he was a Democrat. He and his wife had two children: Hiram S., and Mrs. Margaret Rice, the latter a resident of Juniata, Michigan.

Hiram S. Holmes received a common school education in the Empire State, and when he was only thirteen years of age began walking the tow-path, driving mules on the Erie Canal. As the years went by he was promoted from position to position until he eventually was made captain of a boat, in which capacity he acted until accompanying his parents to Michigan. For a long period he had the run on a steamboat between Syracuse and Albany, and was well known to old boatmen on the canal, who still remember him as a faithful comrade and efficient officer. Mr. Holmes was married at thirty years of age to Miss Sarah

L. Comstock, who was born in Monroe county, Michigan, daughter of Walter Comstock, Jr., whose father, Walter Comstock, Sr., was a native of England. Walter Comstock, Jr., married Sarah Ostrom, and she died at the age of eighty-six years, but he survived her for a long period and died at the remarkable age of ninety-seven years. They had a family of three children, namely: Betsy, living at Toledo, Ohio; Esther, of Monroe county, Michigan; and Sarah L., who married Mr. Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have seven children: Bertie C., Gertie S., Lulu, Walter H., Albert F., Hiram, and one deceased.

Macon Lawn Farm is one of the handsome properties of this part of Monroe county, having a fine lawn, surrounded by shade trees, in the center of which is located Mr. Holmes' nine-room modern home. A large barn, 32 x 44 feet, graces the premises, and fine water for the stock and fields is secured from Macon Creek which flows nearby. The credit for the high state of development that this land has been brought to belongs to Mr. Holmes, who has been untiring in his work to make this one of the ideal country homes of this part of the state. That he has succeeded in his efforts is evident at first glance, and while he has been advancing his own interests he has also forwarded those of his community, in the estimation of whose citizens Mr. Holmes holds an enviable position.

Mrs. Holmes' parents were Walter Jr. and Sarah (Ostrom) Comstock. The father was a native of New York state and the mother was born at Port Trent, Canada. Mrs. Holmes' grandfather, Walter Comstock Sr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and participated in the battles of Sackett's Harbor and Lake Champlain, and had seen Generals Washington and Burgoyne, as well as the traitor, Benedict Arnold. Five of Mrs. Holmes' uncles were soldiers in the Civil war. Her uncles Tobias and Richard (the last was an uncle by marriage) were prisoners in Libby Prison, and her uncle Tobias died soon after he was liberated from the prison pen, from the terrible ordeal he passed through while incarcerated.

Mrs. Holmes has faithfully performed her part as a sincere and loving wife and devoted mother in the establishing of their home. She received good educational training in the public schools and her comfortable home and cheerful fireside is her haven.

DANIEL MCFALL. Monroe county has had the privilege of honoring many veterans of the Civil war, among whom may be mentioned Daniel McFall, of Milan township, of whose record the people have a right to be proud. Although he spent nearly three years in the service of his country, when he had completed his military career he found himself without menas, and in the gaining of a position of independence he has shown himself just as good a citizen as a soldier, and able to apply to his business affairs the same conscientious thoroughness and courage that won him promotion and a medal of honor on the field of battle. Mr. McFall was born in Niagara county, New York, August 2, 1836, and is a son of Cornelius, a grandson of Robert, and a great-grandson of an Irish emigrant. Cornelius McFall married Catherine Dennison, and they moved from the east to Wayne county and later to Washtenaw

county, Michigan, where the father died at the age of eighty-eight years, Mrs. McFall having passed away in her seventieth year. They had a family of six sons and seven daughters. Among the former was a son, Schuyler McFall, who was a member of Company E, Seventeenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, who was wounded at the battle of Antietam and now resides at Azalia; Harrison, another son, enlisted at the age of eighteen years in the same company, and died in the awful prison at Andersonville.

Daniel McFall was reared and educated in Wayne and Washtenaw counties, securing his education in the school at Sun Creek and being taught to be industrious and honest. In August, 1852, when President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 more troops, with which to carry on the Civil war, Mr. McFall enlisted with his brothers in Company E, Seventeenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Campbell. The regiment was first ordered to Washington, and then went to the front, subsequently participating in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, at the latter losing heavily. In the battles which followed, Fredericksburg, Campbell Station, Blue Springs, the regiment took a prominent part, as it did also at Spottsylvania and the Wilderness. At Spottsylvania, Mr. McFall earned promotion and a medal of honor, for brave and meritorious service in the capture of a Confederate colonel, and in saving a comrade, one George Harmon, from capture. He received his honorable discharge, July 3, 1865, as first sergeant of the company, the rank that his gallant services had won for him.

On his return to Michigan, Mr. McFall spent a number of years in working for others, but all the time was saving his means, so that eventually he was able to purchase a farm in Monroe county, some twenty-two years ago, and there he still resides. He was married to Mrs. Mary J. White, a widow, who had a son, John White. In political matters he is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican, having continuously supported that party's principles and candidates since Lincoln's first administration. As a soldier, Mr. McFall was known as one of the strongest men in his company, being six feet tall and weighing in the neighborhood of one hundred and eighty pounds, and no men in the regiment could defeat him in deeds of physical prowess. Although he has reached advanced years, Mr. McFall still retains his strength and health, and is able to do his full share of the work on the home farm. He is known as one of Milan township's capable agriculturists, and as a man who has made numerous friends through a long and honorable career.

ALBERT A. AISTON, M. D. Country physicians, who are at all times obliged to make difficult journeys under most distressing and dangerous conditions, have long been objects of admiration. The physician is impelled by his sense of duty and the ethics of his profession to heed the call of suffering at any time of the day or night, and his role, whether in city or country, in the sick room, on the lonely road or the deserted street, calls for a high order of courage as well as high ideals of service to mankind. Prominent among the physicians of Monroe county, Michigan, whose fields of activity have been in the country, is Dr. Albert A. Aiston, of Milan township, where during the twenty-five years he has

built up a reputation in his profession and gained the respect and gratitude of his fellow townspeople. Dr. Aiston is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in January, 1864, in Company B, Captain Benjamin Butler—afterwards a wonderful national character of the Sixth Heavy Artillery, the regiment being ordered first to New Orleans, Louisiana, and later being sent to Forts Gaines and Morgan, and at the latter place continued to be stationed until their honorable discharge. Although only a lad in his 'teens, Dr. Aiston proved to be a good, brave and courageous soldier, faithfully performing all of his duties, and participating in every engagement in which his regiment took part, except during the time that he was confined in the hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

Dr. Aiston was born November 15, 1847, in Genesee county, New York, and is a son of Robert Aiston, a Canadian by birth. The latter was reared and educated in his native country, and followed the vocation of farming, his death occurring when A. A. Aiston was a lad. He married Malvina Leete, a member of a Genesee county family that had originally come from Connecticut, where it had been founded during early colonial days. A member of this family is Bishop Leete, of Detroit, a cousin of Dr. Aiston. Malvina Leete was a daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Cone) Leete.

After the death of Robert Aiston, his widow and two sons, A. A. and Charles, came to Milan township, Monroe county, and here the mother died when she was sixty-seven years of age, one of the best known and most greatly beloved women of her neighborhood, where many could testify to her kindness of heart and many Christian virtues.

A. A. Aiston remained on the home farm and secured his preliminary educational training in the public schools, following which he spent some time in home study and then placed himself under the preceptorship of Dr. Jackson, one of the pioneer physicians of Monroe county. Later he studied under Dr. Mason, and a law was passed in 1887 that after a physician had practiced some years he was given a regular license to practice. For twenty-five years Dr. Aiston has been engaged in carrying on his profession in Milan township, and the surrounding country, and has gained a wide and enviable reputation and a large and lucrative practice. He has a fine farm of seventy-six acres situated five miles south of Milan, and not far from Azalia, where he has a fine nine-room rural home, surrounded by a large well-kept lawn, a barn 32 x 40 feet, and other suitable and substantial buildings. Twin Maples Farm is one of the handsome properties of Milan township, and its waving fields of grain, fine pasture land, sleek cattle and general air of prosperity testify eloquently to the thrift, industry and progressive ideas of its owner.

Dr. Aiston was married in 1868 to Mrs. Eliza (Bisbee) Bulson, widow of Edward Bulson, a soldier, who died in the Confederate prison at Andersonville, leaving one son, Edward, Jr. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Aiston, namely: Ernest, who was a well known dentist of Rockford, Illinois, left a widow and six children—Alice, Homer, Louise, Jean and two others; Robert, who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Chicago; and Catherine, the wife of E. R. Turner, a railroad operator of Azalia, and has four children—Walter, Helen, Ellen and

Almeda. Mr. and Mrs. Turner are living on the farm with Dr. Aiston, and all are well known in the community. The widow of Dr. Ernest Aiston was formerly a Miss Gunn, daughter of John Gunn, who served in the Scotch Highlanders' Brigade in the English army.

Dr. Aiston has been secretary of the board of health for seven years. He belongs to William Bell Post, Grand Army of the Republic at Dundee, Michigan, and is also a member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows. A man of frank and genial personality, during the quarter of a century that he has resided here he has made many warm friends, and no member of his profession stands higher in the estimation of either his confreres or the public at large.

RODNEY O. HAZEN. Ever since the establishment of the rural free delivery mail service, substantial, reliable men have been chosen to represent the various communities, it being desirable that those who fill these important positions be individuals in whom the general public places the utmost confidence. For more than five years Rodney O. Hazen has been carrying the mail over Milan township, from the Milan postoffice, and his services have been such as to reflect the greatest credit upon himself and his community. Mr. Hazen has served the government in another capacity, being a veteran of the Spanish-American war. He enlisted at Detroit, Michigan, March 4, 1899, in Company F, Tenth Regiment, United States Infantry, following which he was sent with his regiment to Savannah, Georgia, and later to Matanzas, Cuba, subsequently seeing service in Cienfuegos De Cuba for one year. The regiment then embarked for the Philippine Islands, and after sixty days on the water arrived at Manila, where Mr. Hazen and his comrades fought for fifteen months. Returning to California, he was stationed at Angels Island for a time and received his discharge in May, 1902, having made an excellent record.

Mr. Hazen was born August 4, 1879, a son of N. T. Hazen, and a grandson of D. W. Hazen, a pioneer of Monroe county, who came here from Vermont. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a relative of General Hazen, a noted Civil war officer in the signal service, whose widow married Admiral Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay. N. T. Hazen was also a soldier, having served in the Fourth regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry for three years, and made a gallant record. He married Matilda Brion, who was born in Canada, of English parentage, and they had four children: R. O., R. N., W. B. and L. C. With the exception of R. O., all the sons live in north central Montana, and the father also makes his home there.

R. O. Hazen was married December 21, 1905 to Miss Ruby Shaler, of Milan township, daughter of an ex-soldier of the Civil war, who was an early settler of Monroe county and is now deceased. His widow now lives with Mr. and Mrs. Hazen, and is widely known and much beloved for her many admirable qualities of mind and heart. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen have two bright and interesting boys: Clair, who is five years of age; and R. Paul, aged three. In political matters Mr. Hazen is a Republican. In March, 1907, he received his appointment as rural free delivery carrier, a position he has continued to hold to the present time.

A capable, conscientious and courteous official, he has gained a wide popularity throughout the section over which he travels, and has gained and retained many warm friends in Milan township. He has interested himself in fraternal matters, belonging to Wolverine Lodge, No. 197. Mr. Hazen is also a member of the F. and A. M. Lodge of Milan, Michigan, I. O. O. F., and Mrs. Hazen is a member of the Rebekah Lodge. In the prime of life, with his best years before him, Mr. Hazen's usefulness is not near its close nor his advancement at its highest, as without doubt this typical son of Michigan has the ability and intelligence to place himself among his community's leading men.

HENRY SMITH. One of the venerable citizens of Azalia, Michigan, who was for many years identified with the growth and development of Monroe county, as a contractor and builder, is Henry Smith, who is now the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres in Milan township. Mr. Smith is a veteran of the great Civil war, has served in numerous township offices with great ability, and has the esteem and respect of all with whom he has come in contact in either a business or social way. The birth of Mr. Smith occurred in Yates county, New York, October 9, 1829, his grandfather was in the War of 1812, John W. Smith being a native of the Empire state. He was of English descent, was a slave owner during the early days, and became a pioneer of Monroe county, Michigan, where he died at the remarkable age of one hundred years. He married Catherine Dryman, of New York, and she died at the age of sixty years, having been the mother of seven children.

Henry Smith was reared to the vocation of an agriculturist, but decided to follow a business career, and accordingly learned the trades of carpenter and millwright, which he followed for many years with great success. Subsequently he engaged in contracting for railroad ties for sixteen years, and then became a general contractor and builder, erecting numerous houses, barns, sawmills and other structures throughout Monroe county. He gained a fairly-earned reputation for honorable methods in business dealings, and his word at all times was considered as good as his bond. At this time he is living a somewhat retired life on his well-cultivated farm of eighty acres, near Azalia, where he has a modern home, good barns and outbuildings, and engages in general farming. At the last call for troops, Mr. Smith enlisted, September 3, 1864, in the Twelfth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with which he served gallantly until the close of the Civil war, and received his honorable discharge July 28, 1865. Although he is eighty-two years of age he is in the best of health, and is a man of strong physique, being six feet tall and weighing 185 pounds. For twelve years he served the citizens of his township as justice of the peace, and was considered one of the most capable officials elected during his day. He and Mrs. Smith are consistent members of the Baptist church.

On June 4, 1862, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Diantha Jones, who was born February 4, 1832, daughter of Nathaniel Jones, of Rutland, Vermont, a soldier of the War of 1812, and a descendant of an old Welsh family. He died at the age of sixty-one years, his wife attaining the advanced age of ninety-nine years, and of their thirteen children, twelve

grew to man and womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had nine children: Helen; Diantha; John, who is deceased; Jennie, who is also deceased; Nathaniel, living in Milan; Clara; Matilda; Lillie, the wife of Henry Myers; and Martha. Mrs. Smith has been a faithful wife and helpmeet to her husband, and he attributes much of his success in life to her self-sacrificing assistance and support. During late years her eyes have troubled her to some extent, but her mind is active and her memory excellent, and she can recall many reminiscences and experiences of the early days of Monroe county. Both are held in high esteem in this section, where the number of their friends is only confined by the number of their acquaintances.

FRED C. WAGNER. For the last quarter of a century the name Wagner has been associated with the boot and shoe business of Monroe, and the Wagner store on East Front street is one of the mercantile enterprises first to be mentioned among the commercial assets of this city.

Mr. Wagner has been a lifelong resident of Monroe, got his business training while a boy in one of the stores of that period, and both as a citizen and business man has for many years held an honored position in the community. He was born in Monroe May 3, 1858, the oldest son of John Casper and Margaret (Wucherer) Wagner. His father, who was born and received his primary education in Germany, emigrated to America and landed at New York in 1854, coming from that city direct to Monroe, where he was employed on the construction work of the Lake Shore Railroad between Toledo and Detroit, and was later engaged in similar work for the Michigan Southern. His death occurred January 2, 1903. His wife, who was born in Bavaria and came to this country in 1852, is still a resident of Monroe.

Fred C. Wagner got his early education in the German Lutheran and public schools of this city. His practical career began when he was thirteen, at which time he left school and began working for N. R. Haskell, a vegetable gardener, and was also employed for a time by the I. E. Ilgenfritz Nursery Company. His subsequent entrance as a clerk into the establishment of F. S. Sill and Company, dealers in boots and shoes, was the beginning of his permanent business career. After remaining with that firm fourteen years, in 1886 he formed a partnership with Mr. M. T. Duvall, and Duvall & Wagner for the subsequent nine years were among the leading boot and shoe merchants of the city. Since that time, having bought his partner's interest, Mr. Wagner has been in business alone, and is one of the oldest merchants in this line in the city. His location is one of the best in the mercantile district, and his patronage has always been of high-class character.

Mr. Wagner was married in 1883 to Miss Kate A. Gutmann, daughter of J. Casper and Kate Gutmann. The family residence is at 310 Second street. There are two children, named Erwin F. and Verena E. Mr. Wagner's brother, John G., is a carpenter of this city, and he also has two sisters, Mrs. Mary Resig, of 609 Third street, and Mrs. Barbara Bicking, of 259 South Macomb.

The public-spirited citizenship of Mr. Wagner is well known in this community. For the past twenty years he has been a member of the



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board of education, and in this time has done much for the improvement of the facilities of public education. His politics is Republican, and he and his family are members of the Trinity Lutheran church.

CHARLES W. TEALL. Any list of the prominent citizens of Monroe county, Michigan, would be decidedly incomplete did it not contain the name of Charles W. Teall, of London township, who has spent his entire life within the confines of the county, with the exception of the period of the Civil war, through which he fought gallantly as a wearer of the Union blue. He is a native of Monroe county, and was born on George Washington's birthday, the year the late President McKinley was born, February 22, 1843, and is a representative of a family that has sent its sons to battle in defense of its country's flag since colonial days, and whose members have ever been noted for their courage, industry and high standing in every walk of life.

The Teall family was founded in America by three brothers, who came from England in 1750, one going to the south, another to the west and a third remaining in New York state, where were born Asa H., Oliver and Timothy Teall. Asa H. Teall was born at Geneva, Ontario county, New York, there grew up on a farm, and was married to Sophronia Taylor, also a native of the Empire state. Some time after his marriage he migrated to Erie township, Monroe county, where his wife died when Charles W. Teall was a baby, they having had a family of fourteen children, eleven sons and three daughters, of whom five of the sons fought valiantly as soldiers in defense of the Union, namely: Taylor, Lemuel James, Chas. W., Oliver and Malanthan. Asa H. Teall spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits in Monroe county, where he passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a Democrat in his political views, served as justice of the peace for many years, and was esteemed and respected throughout the county.

Charles W. Teall secured his education in the district schools of Erie township, and was reared to the work of the home farm. At the outbreak of the Civil war several of his brothers had enlisted in the Union service, and when President Lincoln called for 600,000 more troops, he responded by enlisting in Company D, Eighty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war, this company being organized at Columbus, Ohio. The regiment was subsequently sent to camp at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and then removed to Beverly, but went back to Clarksburg, and was then sent to Ohio, where Mr. Teall received his honorable discharge. He then remained on the home farm until March, 1864, when he enlisted in the Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery, Company C, Col. Clark commanding the battery. This battery was ordered to Port Hudson and was subsequently sent to Fort Gaines, and at the storming of Fort Morgan Mr. Teall was lashed to the mast of one of the gun-boats under Admiral Farragut. They then went to Vicksburg, Mr. Teall being present at the surrender of that point, July 4, 1864, following which he was sent to Hospital No. 2, and remained there until the 19th of the same month, when he was sent home, and received his honorable discharge at Jackson, Michigan, on account of the end of the war. His regiment had participated in some of the hardest fight-

ing of the great struggle between the states, and lost more men than any other Michigan regiment by sickness.

March 20, 1866, Mr. Teall was married to Miss Cornelia Overacker, who was born in Lodi township, daughter of Martin Overacker, and she died in December, 1889, having been the mother of six living children: Rhoda, Elizabeth, Lucy, Elmer, Claude and Hattie. Mr. Teall was married (second) in Monroe, Michigan, August 23, 1900, to Mrs. Mary E. Fornia, widow of Charles Fornia, who died in 1894. Mr. Fornia was a soldier during the Civil war, serving first with the Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and later joining the Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery and becoming a comrade of Mr. Teall. He died at the age of sixty-three years, having been the father of four children: Frank and Mrs. Belle LaBuff, who are deceased; and Charles and Moses Fornia, farmers and steam threshermen of Monroe county. Mrs. Teall was born in York township, near Sandusky, Erie county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Vanranssler Calhoun, who was born in the Vanranssler Reserve, New York, and Matilda (Richmond) Calhoun, also a native of the Empire state. They came to Monroe county during the 'fifties, and here spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying when seventy-six years of age, and the mother when seventy-eight years old. Mr. Calhoun was a farmer and prominent Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist church. They had five children, namely: Joseph; Steven; Benjamin Franklin, who died in January, 1908; Alva S., who was a soldier in the Eleventh Michigan Infantry and met his death at Beardstown, Kentucky; and Mary, who married Mr. Teall.

On his return from his military career, Mr. Teall engaged in farming in London township, where he is now the owner of 160 acres of well-cultivated land, in addition to which his wife owns forty acres. As he was a good soldier, so has he been a good citizen and able business man, and his ventures have been eminently successful. In politics he is a Republican, but he has not cared for public life, preferring to give his time and attention to his private affairs. He takes an interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is an honored comrade of Lucius Taylor Post, No. 325, at Milan, Michigan. As a man who is prominent in all that affects his community he is well known throughout Monroe county, and no man has a more irreproachable reputation or a wider circle of warm personal friends.

JOHN BANNMILLER. It is always gratifying to true citizens of this Republic to note the readiness of many men, born under foreign flags, to become loyal and patriotic supporters of the United States Government, when they have once made this country their home. This can never be misconstrued as an act of displaying lack of fidelity to their native land, for which they must always hold the warmest affection, but it is evidence that they are men who recognize their duty as citizens in common with the native-born of the Republic, and do not hesitate to perform it. Many of the bravest soldiers in the Civil war were born not in this country, but in the Fatherland, and after the cessation of hostilities, they became men of sobriety and industry, fully capable of fighting the battles of peace as well as of war. Like thousands of his

fellow-countrymen, John Bannmiller saw no great future before him in his native country, and decided to try his fortunes in the new world, arriving in this country at a time when the discussions that were to disrupt (but eventually to solidify) the nation, were being heard on every side. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1838, son of a blacksmith, and attended the schools of his native land until he had reached his fourteenth year. When he was nineteen years old, Mr. Bannmiller took passage on a sailing vessel for this country, eventually landing at New York City, from whence he made his way to Monroe county, Michigan.

Mr. Bannmiller was engaged in working at machine work, when the Civil war broke out, and he soon began to chafe to be at the front in defense of the Union flag. Born in a country where a military training is a part of every youth's early life, he possessed the courage and qualifications of a soldier, and on November 18, 1862, enlisted in Company K, Michigan Light Artillery, under Capt. Shill. The company was at once ordered to Washington, D. C., becoming a part of Gen. Joe Hooker's command, and with him participated in the bloody battles at Nashville, Chickamauga, Stone river and Kingston. At the last named battle, Mr. Bannmiller was wounded in the throat, and was operated on by an army surgeon, but he has always been troubled by this honorable wound, and will, no doubt suffer discomfort to the day of his death from the injury received while assisting in the defense of his adopted country's flag. On account of his injury, Mr. Bannmiller was honorably discharged for disability, and returned to the peaceful occupation of tilling the soil, to which he has given his attention ever since. He is now the owner of a well-cultivated tract of land in London township, a property of forty-five acres, on which is located a handsome eight-room residence, with a substantial modern barn, 24 x 60 feet. His meadows, pastures and grain fields show the application of scientific and industrious effort.

Mr. Bannmiller was married in Monroe county, Michigan, to Mrs. Katherine Karle, who was born in Baden, Germany, and she is now deceased. They had a family of four children living, namely: Katharina, Fred, Rosa and Lena. In his political proclivities Mr. Bannmiller is a Republican, and has been staunch in his support of that party's candidates and principles, although he has never cared to enter the public arena as a candidate for office. Although now seventy-four years of age, when most men feel the weight of their declining years, this old soldier is hale and hearty and in full possession of his health and faculties, and can look back over a long and well-spent, life, content in the knowledge that he can leave to his children the heritage of an honorable name.

JOHN W. LOHR. During a residence of a quarter of a century, in which period of time he has been intimately identified with the agricultural progress and development of Monroe county, John W. Lohr, of section 35, London township, proprietor of Grand View Farm, has become well known to the citizens of this community as an excellent farmer, a business man of sound principles and good judgment, and a

public-spirited citizen who has the welfare of his section at heart. Mr. Lohr is a native of the Buckeye state, having been born in Ohio, February 22, 1861, a son of Peter Lohr, a native of Germany, and a member of a family which has for years been noted in the Fatherland for its intelligence, industry, honesty and morality. Peter Lohr was educated in his native land, and there reared to young manhood, but saw no future in store for him in Germany, and accordingly came to the United States and settled in Ohio, where he was engaged in farming at the time of the outbreak of the great Civil war. Believing that the Union should be preserved, he enlisted in an Ohio regiment of volunteers, and his death occurred while he was in the service, his life being sacrificed in defending the flag of his adopted country. He was buried in the south. His widow survived him some years, and was fifty years of age at the time of her demise, being the mother of four children: Catherine, August, John W., and Martha. The parents were consistent members of the Lutheran church, and the children were reared in the faith of that denomination and taught habits of industry and honesty.

John W. Lohr was reared on the homestead farm in Ohio, and attended the public schools of that state, this being later supplemented by much home study, reading and observation. When he had attained his majority, he was married to Miss E. Sauerwein, who proved a faithful helpmeet, and to whom Mr. Lohr gives much of the credit for his success in life. She was born in Elmore, Ohio, November 11, 1862, where she was reared and educated. After his marriage, Mr. Lohr came to Monroe county and settled in section 35, London township, where at the age of twenty-four years he was the owner of an excellent farm. Each year has found him adding to his acreage and improvements, and at this time Grand View Farm is one of the best to be found within the limits of Monroe county. Mr. Lohr's modern residence contains ten rooms, with spacious halls and closets and wide porches, is of handsome architecture and composed of brick. It is beautified by a row of maple trees and a well-kept lawn, and is comfortably and tastefully furnished and equipped with modern conveniences. He has also erected a large barn, 32 x 98 feet, barn No. 2, 36 x 46 feet, granery, 26 x 18 feet, and a hog house, corn crib and other outbuildings. His land is well fenced, graded and drained, and includes a fine pasture meadow and extensive grain fields. He has devoted the greater part of his attention to general farming, but all branches of agricultural work have received a share of his time, and he has been successful alike in dairying, grain raising and cattle and hog breeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohr have had a family of seven children, as follows: Clara, who is the wife of Fred Smith, living in Maybee, Michigan, represented elsewhere in this work; Minnie, who married George Helzer, and lives in London township; George and Fred, who are bachelors, aged respectively twenty-four and twenty-two years, and live at home assisting their father in the work of the home farm; Bertha, finished the eighth grade of the public schools, and she has taken musical

instruction; Carl, who died in infancy; and Bernice, who is eight years of age, in school.

Mr. Lohr and family are members and liberal supporters of St. Paul's church, of Maybee, contributing to all movements that have for their object the advancement of morality, education, religion and good citizenship. He has the distinction of being the architect of his own fortunes, in that he started his career without financial aid or influential friends, and through the sheer force of his own energy and perseverance has made a place for himself among the substantial men of his community. His career has been a long and useful one, and he is justly regarded as one of London township's representative men.

JAMES KNOWLES. Every veteran of the Civil war commands our respect and esteem for what was accomplished by the youths who went forth to battle in defense of their country's flag during the dark days of the war between the states, and if when the struggle was over he returned to his home and became one of his community's progressive and industrious citizens, then he is entitled to even higher honor. In this connection it may be appropriate to give in brief a sketch of the career of James Knowles, of section 36, Milan township, successful farmer of three and one-half miles north of Dundee, and veteran of the War of the Rebellion. Mr. Knowles was born November 4, 1845, in Macon township, Lenawee county, Michigan, a son of Martin Knowles, who came from the Emerald Isle to the United States as a young man. Here he was married to Miss Martha Ann Van Deventer, of an old Holland family of New York, daughter of Henry Van Deventer. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles removed to Dundee township, Monroe county, where Mr. Knowles died at the age of sixty-four years, while the mother passed away at the age of seventy-eight. Mr. Knowles was an agriculturist all of his life, and was a stalwart Democrat in his political views. He and his wife had a family of nine children: James; Michael, who was a private in the Seventeenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and died in Colorado, at the age of fifty-eight years; Henry; Mary, who is deceased; Amy; Martha, deceased; George; Daniel, deceased; and Frank.

James Knowles received a district school education and was reared on the home farm, following which he learned the trade of carpenter. He was only seventeen years of age when he enlisted August 24, 1862, at President Lincoln's call for 300,000 troops, becoming a private in Company C, Seventeenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war. The regiment was under Cols. Withington and Luce, of Monroe county, and belonged to what was known as the Stonewall regiment, participating in some of the hardest-fought engagements of the great war, including Fort Meyer, South Mountain and Antietam, and under Gen. Willett fought at Fredericksburg, the siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Blue Springs, London, Campbell's Station, siege of Knoxville, Strawberry Plains, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, before Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Reams Station, Poplar Springs, Hatches Run, Fort Steadman, siege of Petersburg, and capture of Petersburg, April 3, 1865. Of the 1079

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men in the regiment, 283 were lost in battle, and 152 died of disease. Mr. Knowles was chosen on account of his bravery and efficient services to act as aide for Gen. Wilcox, in carrying dispatches to Col. Ely of the First Brigade. He was also on the line with the Second Michigan Sharpshooters, and saw the Union flag placed on the old courthouse at Petersburg, April 3, 1865. He received his honorable discharge, June 3, 1865, after a service that was creditable to him in every respect. Always a brave, faithful and willing soldier, cheerfully performing those duties which fell to his lot, he was honored by his comrades, and respected by his officers.

On his return from his military career, young Knowles resumed carpenter work, and for some years worked on railroads in New Mexico and Arizona, where he had numerous engagements with the hostile Indians while building bridges. In 1881, however, he returned to Michigan and took up the old Doran homestead farm of 156 acres, which he has been engaged in cultivating to the present time, with a large measure of success. He has a modern fifteen-room house, located on the road that upwards of ninety years ago was the old Indian trail from Monroe county to Detroit. This house is surrounded by shade trees, which are neatly kept, as are his grain fields and pastures, and the barns and other buildings are in good state of repair, testifying to the thrift and industry of the owner. In politics, Mr. Knowles is a strong Republican, and his Grand Army connection is with the post at Dundee, where his pleasant personality has gained and retained for him many warm friends.

In 1871 Mr. Knowles was married to Miss Emily Doran, a woman of intelligence and good breeding, who was born, reared and educated in Monroe county, and is a daughter of Henry and Marie (Zeluff) Doran, of New York. The family first came to Monroe county in 1839 and settled in the woods, making their home on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Knowles. Both of Mrs. Knowles' parents died at the age of sixty-four years, honored and respected by all who knew them. They had four children: Mrs. Eliza Andrews, who died at the age of thirty-one years; Mrs. Emily Knowles; Mrs. Betsy Moulton; and Mrs. Augusta Davis, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles have had seven children, namely; Thomas, who is a railroad man, of Pratt, Kansas; Mrs. Anna C. Masten; Grace; Martin D.; Angela M.; Bernard A., and Bessie A. All the children were given good educational advantages, fitting them for whatever positions they have been called upon to fill in life, and Angela M. and Bessie A. are now popular and successful school-teachers of Monroe county.

JOSEPH GRAMLICH. Two and a half miles northwest of Maybee, in London township, is situated the well-cultivated farm of Joseph Gramlich, born February 5, 1865, in the old log cabin back of his present residence, a prominent citizen who has spent his entire life in Monroe county, where he has been instrumental in advancing his community's agricultural interests. Wenderlin Gramlich, his father, was born October 20, 1823, in Baden, Germany, when as a young man of twenty-two years, he emigrated to America and settled in Syracuse, New York. In 1856 he came to Monroe county, by sled and oxen, and settled in the

woods of London township, where he erected a small log cabin and started to cultivate his land in pioneer style. At the time of President Lincoln's call for one hundred thousand additional troops to carry on the Civil war, Mr. Gramlich showed the metal of his citizenship by enlisting for three years, or during the war, in the Fifteenth Regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry. He saw much of active service, and was present at the second battle of Bull Run and at the siege of Atlanta, where the Union troops were under fire for one hundred days. He participated in the battles of Kenesaw Mountain, Resaca, Strawberry Plains, and was with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea, on to Savannah, Georgia, thence to the Carolinas, and also participated in the battle of Jonesboro, North Carolina, where he was wounded in the left leg. On September 4, 1864, said wound became a running sore up to his death. He was removed from the field of action and spent the ensuing eight months in St. Mary's hospital, at Detroit, and at this place he received his honorable and final discharge, after having served his adopted country as a brave and valiant soldier for almost three years. On the completion of his military career, Mr. Gramlich resumed the peaceful occupation of farming, and continued to carry on operations in London township, up to the time of his death, on May 31, 1894, when he was in the seventy-second year of his age. Honored and respected by all who knew him, Mr. Gramlich will be long remembered in the community which represented his home for so many years, and where he did his full share in the upbuilding and advancing of the communal life. He helped to build St. Mary's Catholic church, at Blue Bush, two and one-half miles northwest of Maybee, in 1857. This church became too small, and in 1878 a larger one was built, which was abandoned in 1889 and the new St. Joseph's organized at Maybee, Michigan. This church was bought by his son, Joseph Gramlich, in 1911; the most of the lumber is now in his new barn, which he built in 1912. He married Rosa Knabel, who was born in Baden, Germany, and came to Michigan when she was twenty-two years of age, and her death occurred on July 3, 1885. She was the mother of the following children: Mrs. Louisa Jelsch, who died in Maybee, on May 16, 1909; Joseph, of this review; Catherine, who is the wife of Fred Palmer; Rosa, who died in September, 1861; and Jacob, who died at the age of fourteen years, on September 29, 1873.

Joseph Gramlich was born on the farm where he now resides, February 5, 1865, in London township, which township has been his home all his life, barring his absence at school. He received good educational advantages, attending first the district and public schools and later entering Assumption College, at Sandwich, Canada. In 1898 he turned his attention to the business of buying butter, eggs, poultry and veal, hauling it to the Toledo markets and acting as a wholesale butcher, but after six years spent in this business, resumed the tilling of the soil on his father's old property in London township. This land is in a high state of cultivation, and is devoted to general farming and grain raising, in addition to which Mr. Gramlich gives some attention to the breeding of good live-stock. He has improved the property with modern and substantial buildings, including a fine ten-room house, and a barn 36 x 60

feet, with and "L" 24 x 89 feet on the north side and a silo 12 x 33 feet on the south side of the new barn; also a new grain house, ice house, hog pen, corn cribs, two tool sheds, and a chicken coop. His pastures, meadows and grain fields are in the best of condition, his machinery is in good working order and of a modern make, and the appearance of the property, as a whole, testifies to the skill and good management of its owner. His farm comprises one hundred acres of as fine land as will be found in the township.

On November 8, 1887, Mr. Gramlich was united in marriage by the Rev. Fr. Benjamin Schmidtiel, in St. Michael's church at Monroe, to Miss Bertha A. Doettel, who was born November 13, 1865, and reared at Frenchtown, and is the daughter of Joseph Doettel, an early settler of Monroe county, who died on November 25, 1910, his widow still surviving him and making her home with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Gramlich have had eleven children, as follows: Stella A., the wife of Daniel Palmer; she was born in the same log cabin which sheltered her father at his birth; Edmund C.; Alfred J.; Florence I.; Ralph G.; Ida C.; Hubert F.; Thomas A.; Vernie J.; and two other children who died in infancy—Clemens M. and Dorothy C. by name.

Politically Mr. Gramlich has always endorsed the doctrine of the Democratic party on national issues, but in local affairs he has invariably supported the man best fitted for the office, regardless of party lines. His fraternal relations are represented by his membership in the German Working Men's Society, of Maybee, Michigan, of which he is an honored member. He, with his wife and family, are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Maybee, and Mr. Gramlich held the office of trustee of the parish for three years.

During his long residence in London township, Mr. Gramlich has made many friends in this section, where he is universally regarded as one of Monroe county's representative citizens.

FRANK L. ILGENFRITZ. In the industrial department of this work and also in the memoir dedicated to the late Israel Epley Ilgenfritz, father of him whose name initiates this review, are given adequate data concerning the splendid industrial enterprise conducted by the I. E. Ilgenfritz Sons Company, of which Frank L. Ilgenfritz is vice-president, and thus it is not necessary in this connection to give further details concerning the great nursery enterprise conducted by the company.

Frank L. Ilgenfritz has secure standing as one of the enterprising and representative business men of his native city. He is indebted to the public schools of Monroe for his early educational advantages and was graduated from the high school in 1884. Thereafter he was a student in the University of Michigan for a period of eighteen months, after which he returned to Monroe and became actively associated with the extensive nursery business founded and controlled by his honored father. Since the death of the latter he has been associated with three of his brothers in carrying forward their large and prosperous business, which in 1902 was incorporated under its present title, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars.

The present officers of the company are Wilbur F. Ilgenfritz, presi-

dent; Frank L., vice-president; Thomas J., secretary and treasurer; and Theo. E., manager.

The nurseries of the company are among the most extensive in the entire country, while the interested principals of the concern are all thoroughly trained in the practical and scientific details of this line of industry, and the admirable facilities and correct methods brought to bear are shown in the extensive trade of the concern, the products of which are shipped to all parts of the United States.

Frank L. Ilgenfritz has not only been one of the prominent figures in upbuilding the great enterprise controlled by the company of which he is vice-president, but he has also shown a loyal interest in all that has tended to conserve the civic and material prosperity of his home city and county. Though never an aspirant for public office he is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he and his family are members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church of Monroe, in which he has served several years as a member of the board of trustees. He is affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and with River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, besides which he has long been identified with Company D., Michigan National Guard, in which he served as first lieutenant for a period of nine years.

On the 14th of November, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ilgenfritz to Miss Nellie F. L. Alexander, who was born and reared in Monroe county and prior to her marriage was a successful and popular teacher in the Monroe high school. She is the daughter of John Lee and Marie (Nessel) Alexander, natives of New York and Monroe, Michigan, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Ilgenfritz have one daughter, Irene Margaret, who has just entered the Monroe high school. Their home is known for its generous hospitality and is one of the many beautiful residences on North Macomb street.

JAMES A. HESS. Among the representative citizens of Monroe county who are native sons of Michigan and who have made agriculture their vocation, mention is deserved by James A. Hess, whose comfortable farmstead is located in section 14 of Dundee township.

Mr. Hess was born August 18, 1846, in Blissfield township, Lenawee county, Michigan, a son of George Hess and Rebecca Moore Hess. By paternal descent he is a scion of Holland ancestors, while the Moores, his mother's people, were from Bedford county, Pennsylvania and were early settlers in Monroe county, their farm lying along the creek in Dundee township. The mother is still living and has now reached advanced years, being eighty-nine years of age. Two children were the issue of these parents: James A., the subject of this review, and Jane, who is now deceased.

James A. Hess was reared to the age of twenty-one in the adjoining county of Lenawee and acquired his education in the district schools near his boyhood home and in the public schools of Adrian, the county seat. Upon attaining his majority he set out in life for himself and finally became a resident of Monroe county, where he now owns 156

acres of fine land in section 14 of Dundee township and is largely interested in the dairy business and in the raising of fine Holstein cattle. Mr. Hess has prospered, but the results he has achieved have been obtained by diligence and untiring industry on his part and by the intelligent and business-like management of his interests.

In 1882, at the age of thirty-five, Mr. Hess wedded Miss Caroline Boileau and one son has blessed their union, Lynford H. Hess, born in 1890, who also has taken up agriculture as his vocation and is still at the parental home. Mr. Hess is a member of the Dundee Grange, and in politics is independent, reserving to himself the right to judge of the men and issues and to support those who he is convinced will best conserve and further the rights of the whole people. Dundee township numbers Mr. and Mrs. Hess among its most respected and worthy citizens.

For twenty-nine years Mrs. Hess had been a faithful and affectionate wife and mother. She had stood side by side with her husband in the rearing of her children and in the establishing their comfortable home and when just ready to enjoy the fruits of her labor, she passed to "that bourne from whence no traveler returns." Mrs. Hess was known far and wide for her beautiful traits of character, and her neighbors will ever remember with gratitude her many acts of Christian duty and affection. She sleeps in the new Summerfield cemetery where her husband and son have caused to be erected a beautiful monument sacred to her memory. She died in the month of July, 1911.

WILLIAM F. OVERMYER, of Rea, Michigan, is one of the active progressive business men of Monroe county engaged in the mercantile business. A man of sound judgment and indefatigable enterprise, he began business life as a clerk but soon became independently engaged in merchandising and has turned his ability and efforts to such account that he has forged steadily toward financial success and has become one of the substantial men of his community.

Mr. Overmyer is a native of Ohio, born in Sandusky county of that state on November 14, 1870, to Isaiah and Mahalah (Foster) Overmyer. His father is still living and is now a resident of the town of Lindsey, Ohio, but the mother died June 1, 1894. Reared on the farm and educated first in the district schools near his boyhood home and later at the Lindsey high school, he remained at the parental home until he had attained the legal age of manhood and then went to Fulton county, Indiana, where he became a clerk in a store at Leiters Ford. After two years there he came to Rea, Michigan, and bought a half interest in a general store owned by his uncle and his brother Louis. This business association continued for a year and a half and then Mr. Overmyer purchased the remaining interest from his brother Louis F. and has since been its sole proprietor. After taking charge of the store he enlarged the building in which the business is housed, increased the stock, and by good business ability and accuracy of business methods he has built up a prosperous enterprise and has gained a large and profitable trade. Besides these interests he owns a fine cement residence at Rea, modern in all of its appointments.

Mr. Overmyer has been twice married. He was first united to Miss Bertha Curtis, of Leiters Ford, Indiana, who died on April 27, 1901, leaving him a daughter, Marjorie C., now thirteen years of age, (1912). The second marriage of Mr. Overmyer occurred February 26, 1902, when he wedded Clara Belle Miller, who is a native of Dundee township, Monroe county. To the latter union have been born a daughter and a son, Genevieve and Foster, now respectively aged seven years and two years (1912). Both Mr. and Mrs. Overmyer are members of the Methodist Protestant church at Rea and Mr. Overmyer is a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school of that denomination there. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party. His citizenship is of the same high order as is his business standing and in his each and every relation toward society Mr. Overmyer always stands for progress and the most worthy living.

CAPT. RICHARD P. INGERSOLL was the first white child born in what is now Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, his nativity having occurred on January 31, 1827. All of the four score and five years that have passed since then he has spent in Monroe county, with the exception of three years' service in the Civil war, and no one within its borders has a better knowledge of the remarkable transformation that has taken place in Monroe county, in Michigan, and in the whole of our country in that period than has Captain Ingersoll. And few there are that have reached his advanced age or whose lives have been more loyally devoted to truth, honor and right than has the life of this honored pioneer. His country, his church and his home and family have each had in him a willing and loving servitor in their behalf.

Captain Ingersoll is a son of Hon. Riley Ingersoll and Emma Pelton Ingersoll, the former born in Ovid, Seneca county, New York, in 1797, and the latter a daughter of Captain Richard Pelton, who was lost in the War of 1812. They were married in Ithaca, New York, in 1825, and came from there to Monroe county, Michigan, where they settled on a farm of 375 acres in Dundee township now known as the Bert Bordine farm, which he had entered part from the government the previous year of 1824. After residing seventeen years on this farm he sold it and removed to London township, where remained his abode until his death. Captain Ingersoll is the eldest of nine children, five daughters and four sons, born to these parents and is one of four living at this date (1912), the others being Miss Mary Ingersoll, of Monroe, Michigan, and Edmund G. Ingersoll and George W. Ingersoll, both residents of Chicago, Illinois. Edmund G. Ingersoll also fought in defense of the Union as a member of the Ninth Michigan Infantry, with which he served to the end of the war.

Capt. Richard P. Ingersoll was reared in Dundee and London townships of this county and attended the district schools, later becoming a student at Lodi Academy, Washtenaw county. The death of his father, however, interrupted his studies in the latter institution and compelled his return home, but he had already acquired an education sufficient to enable him to teach, and for some years he was engaged in

that profession in Monroe, Michigan. Later he entered the mercantile business in Monroe, but in 1861 he returned to the farm. April 12, 1854, he wedded Harriett A. Garwood, of the city of Monroe, where she was born June 4, 1837. Mrs. Ingersoll has received a liberal education in the public schools and in the young ladies seminary at Monroe, and was the leading soprano singer of that city and the soloist in the choir of the Methodist church there. Though now advanced in years, she still retains her musical talent to a remarkable degree. She has long been prominent in the church and Sunday school circles of this county and has been a valuable and potent factor in the furtherance of their good work.

Michigan was one of the foremost states in defending the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. In August, 1862, Captain Ingersoll raised a company of soldiers known as the Dundee company, of which he was commissioned captain by Governor Blair and which was made a part of the Eighteenth Michigan Infantry and served in the Fourteenth army corps under General Thomas. Captain Ingersoll participated in the hard fought battle of Nashville, as well as in a number of the other serious engagements in the Tennessee campaign and in Alabama, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out on June 25, 1865, and receiving his honorable discharge in July following. He commemorates the days of 1861-65 as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. After the war he returned to his home and family in Michigan and resumed farming, which has since remained his vocation. At one time he owned 325 acres in sections 22 and 23 of Dundee township and he still retains 167 acres. Though full of years he still superintends his farming interests and is largely interested in the raising of sheep.

Captain and Mrs. Ingersoll have traveled life's journey together fifty-eight years and are the parents of eight children. Their son Charles S., a graduate of the agricultural school and of the law department of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, is now following law at Pond Creek, Oklahoma; Mary H., a graduate of the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, Michigan, became a prominent teacher in this county and is now the wife of Myron Chamberlain, cashier of the Newberry bank, Newberry, Michigan; and Julia Louise, who inherited the musical talent of her mother and became prominent in the music circles of this section, is now the wife of Rev. Charles Stelzle, a Presbyterian minister and who is superintendent of the Presbyterian department of the Church and Labor, and resides in Maplewood, New Jersey.

Captain Ingersoll and his wife have each been members of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than sixty years and their lives have been in harmony with their professions, being characterized by consideration for others, for justice and truth. Captain Ingersoll has held different of the church offices, has been class leader and Sunday school superintendent, and for many years has been a regular and faithful attendant at the Methodist church two miles distant from his home, never missing a church service when he was able to be present. Captain Ingersoll has been one of the most devoted members of his church and

in forty-seven years he has made the remarkable average of attending fifty Sabbaths each year, divine worship and church work. It is as a Christian gentleman, as one of the brave and gallant defenders of our national life, and as a citizen who in action has ever been honorable and in life upright that Captain Ingersoll has won the deserved esteem of his fellowmen, and the name of this honored pioneer will go down in the history of Monroe county supported by all the attributes of a well spent life and an honorable career.

CHARLES H. RANKIN, a well known farmer of Dundee township and a highly esteemed citizen of that community, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Monroe county and now resides on the farm of which his father became the owner in 1849.

Born January 19, 1842, he was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents from his native state of New York to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1849 and for sixty-three years he has resided continuously at the old homestead. His father was David Rankin and his mother was Sarah M. Potter before her marriage, a daughter of John Potter who was a native of Massachusetts. David Rankin died June 2, 1862, but was survived many years by his wife, whose demise occurred on July 3, 1891. Of the eight children born to these parents but two are living at this date (1912): Charles H. Rankin, whose name introduces this review, and Sarah J., the wife of Philemon Brewer, of Dundee township. William J. Rankin, another son, participated in the Civil war as second lieutenant of his company in the Twelfth Tennessee Cavalry and was killed December 16, 1864, in the battle of Nashville.

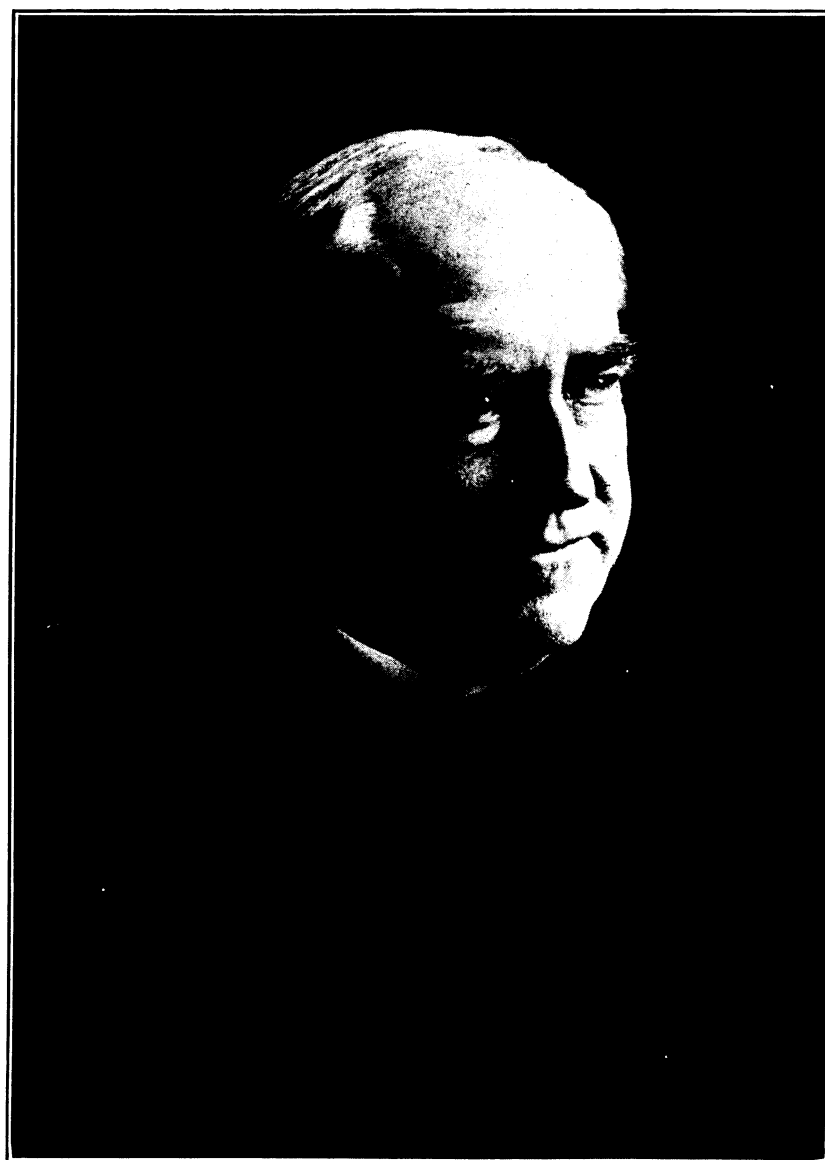
Charles H. Rankin was reared on the farm where he now resides and attended the district schools of this locality until seventeen years of age. Until his father's death he assisted in the duties of the home farm and afterward continued in charge of it until his mother also had passed away, when he bought the homestead, which is located on section 17 of Dundee township and comprises seventy-four and a half acres of good land.

On May 3, 1873, Mr. Rankin was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Van Vleet, who was born in Ridgeway township, Lenawee county, Michigan on November 20, 1845. She is a daughter of Peter P. and Lois (Sworthout) Van Vleet, both of whom were from Seneca county, New York. They were Michigan pioneers that came to this state in 1832 and located in Lenawee county, where they entered land and where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have three children, as follows: Zelma L., now the wife of William S. Shultz; Walter J., who wedded Miss Ora Noble; and Zada, now Mrs. Paul Clament. Mr. Rankin is a member of Dundee Lodge No. 74, Free and Accepted Masons and both he and his wife are members of Ruth Chapter No. 84, Order of the Eastern Star. In politics he is aligned with the Republican party but has never taken an active part in political affairs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are pleasant people and kind neighbors who after a long residence here stand secure in the high regard of all who know them.

ALFRED WILSON, a prominent agriculturist of Dundee township and one of the influential citizens of his community, is one of a great number of the citizens of Monroe county, Michigan, that claim New York as the state of their nativity. He may also be termed a worthy pioneer of this county, for his residence here covers a period of fifty years and he has so lived as to ever command the high respect and regard of his acquaintances.

Mr. Wilson is a son of Charles Wilson and Elizabeth Stull Wilson and was born in the Empire state January 1, 1849. His grandfather was John Wilson, a native of New Jersey. In 1863 Charles Wilson removed his family from Seneca county, New York, to Monroe county, Michigan and located in Dundee township, about one mile north of where our subject now resides. Later he took up his residence in the town of Dundee, where he passed away in 1884 and was joined in death by his wife in 1885. Six of their eight children are living at this date (1912) and are as follows: James H. Wilson, a retired contractor residing in New York; John Wilson, a farmer in Dundee township; Anna, the widow of Rev. J. D. Schultz; David G. Wilson, a druggist at Dundee, Michigan; Alfred Wilson, the subject of this review, and Mary G., the wife of Herman O. Hains.

Alfred Wilson was fourteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Monroe county, Michigan, and his education begun in the district schools of Seneca county, New York, was concluded in the public schools of Dundee township, attending during the winters until about seventeen years of age and working on the farm during the summers. He remained at the home of his parents until twenty-four years of age, or until his marriage on June 2, 1873, to Miss Mary A. Miller, daughter of Phelps L. Miller and Mary (Van Vleet) Miller. Both parents of Mrs. Wilson were natives of the Empire state. The mother was born in Seneca county, New York, in 1823, and in 1834 came with her parents to Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, where she lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years and passed away in 1908. Her husband had preceded her in death over half a century, his demise having occurred in 1852. Of the five children born to their union, three are living at this time (1912), namely: Dudley Miller, a farmer in Dundee township, Monroe county, who married Miss Jennie Kempton; Jennie, who became Mrs. George Bunce and resides in Dundee, Michigan; and Mrs. Wilson. Nine children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and are as follows: Clyde, born March 5, 1874, who married Miss Chloe Kent and resides in Dundee township; Floy, born March 27, 1877, who is now the wife of Roy Reynolds and resides in Macon, Michigan; Charles M., born October 16, 1879, who married Miss Ollie Anstead and resides in Dundee township; Nell, born November 16, 1881, now Mrs. Warren J. Brewer, of Dundee, Michigan; Naamah, born December 16, 1883, who is at home; Lewis M., born October 23, 1887, who married Miss Alice Brown and is a resident of Dundee township; Camilla, born December 28, 1889, who taught in the public schools of this county prior to her marriage to Charles Downing, of Lenawee county, Michigan; John A., born April 17, 1892, a graduate of the



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Dundee high school; and Seaton A., born January 22, 1898, who is at home.

In politics Mr. Wilson gives his allegiance to the Republican party and has taken a prominent part in local political affairs. In 1901 he was elected supervisor of Dundee township and in 1902 was reelected to that office on an independent ticket, and during both terms served in a manner that was highly acceptable to his fellow citizens and that bestowed credit upon himself as an official. He has also served in a number of other minor offices, has been a school director twenty years, and with the exception of two years has served as a school officer in one capacity or another ever since his marriage.

In the way of business activity his whole attention has been given to agriculture and his farm, which is located in sections 16 and 17 of Dundee township, comprises one hundred acres of good land. The homestead of forty acres on which Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reside forms a part of this property and was entered from the government by Phelps L. Miller, the father of Mrs. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are affable people whose genial ways have made them pleasant associates and have drawn to them many friends, and as honest and upright citizens they stand high in the regard of their community. Their beautiful country home is known as "Pleasant View Farm."

THE VERY REVEREND FRANK A. O'BRIEN, LL. D. This eminent clergyman of the Catholic church is a native of Monroe, in whom great pride is felt, and who is held in the highest regard, for no one in this state is entitled to have his name written higher on the pinnacle of fame as a builder of good works, for charity and benevolence. Himself of humble birth, his life has been mainly spent in the noblest of occupations—that of benefiting his fellow beings—in educating and raising to a plane of usefulness those whose circumstances and environments precluded successful efforts by themselves.

To receive a special blessing from the pope, written in his own hand, and with it high praise from Cardinal Falconio, who recently visited America as the pope's personal representative, is a most unusual thing. But it is an honor that was recently bestowed upon Father O'Brien, an honor probably no other Catholic priest in the United States ever received from the head of the great Roman church; publicly, it signifies the high estimation in which his magnificent and successful efforts in educational and philanthropic work in his native state are held by the highest authorities in his church. While Father O'Brien had occupied parishes in Monroe and Detroit, it has been in the parish of Kalamazoo that his labors have been so efficiently crowned with resultant honor to himself and the good of his fellow men. The establishment of hospitals, schools and public halls, having for their object the betterment of social conditions in his community, the care of young children and the reformation of irresponsible men are beyond all praise. Another institution called Barbour Hall is under process of construction, the means for the erection of which has largely been derived from the bequest of Mrs. Barbour of Detroit, the mother of Hon. Levi S. Barbour. Father O'Brien is an honored member of the State Pioneer and

Historical Society, in which he has taken a lively interest, and to whose collection of papers he has contributed many of great interest.

FREDERICK SCHULER. The advantages of birth, education or capital count for much in the career of any man, but what he is and the use he makes of his abilities and opportunities finally determine his status in society. Frederick Schuler is a native son of Monroe county and from German parents has inherited abilities characteristic of the nationality of his forebears. In his career as a farmer has been evident not only the proverbial thrift and industry of his fathers but also the wide-awake spirit of the advanced agriculturist of the day. With the marked fertility of southern Michigan soil as an added advantage, Mr. Schuler has made farming a profitable business.

He was born in Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, March 17, 1864, to Frederick and Charlotte (Westfall) Schuler, both of whom were natives of Germany and were married in the Fatherland prior to their emigration to the United States. They first located in Dundee township of this county, where the mother died, and later the father removed to Summerfield township, where he bought a farm, then finally sold it and moved to Toledo, Ohio, and made it his abode until his death. Of the eight children born to their union, five are living at this date (1912), namely: William; Lena, now Mrs. Elbert Hammond; Frederick of this review; and Charles and Eliza.

Frederick Schuler, Jr., was reared in Dundee and Summerfield townships and there obtained the usual common school education. At the age of nineteen he left home and started out to make his own way in the world, first engaging as a farm hand by the month. He practiced strict economy, saving of his earnings until he had acquired sufficient capital to make an independent start as a farmer, and then bought the farm of 130 acres on which he now resides and where from time to time he has completed the improvements which have made it a most comfortable homestead. Thus by persistent and untiring effort and the exercise of a good business ability Mr. Schuler has advanced steadily toward personal success and at the same time has been a factor in promoting the material advancement of his community. He has given his attention to the general lines of farming and to stockraising and has well upheld the prestige which is almost universally accorded the German agriculturist.

Mr. Schuler has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Louise Custer, to whom he was united in December, 1900, and who bore him three children, Carl, Ada and Herman, now aged respectively eleven, nine and seven years (1912). She died in the fall of 1904, and in 1906 Mr. Schuler wedded Miss Johannah Kruempel, who was born in Germany, March 24, 1872. She received a good education in the thorough public schools of Germany, where her father was a teacher for many years. She came to the United States in 1904, locating first in North Dakota, but later formed the acquaintance with Mr. Schuler which culminated in their marriage.

Mr. Schuler is a member of the German Lutheran church at Dundee, in the faith of which denomination he was graciously reared by his parents, and he is now one of the directors of that church. He carries

a good policy in the New York Life Insurance Company, and in politics is a Democrat. Mr. Schuler is well known to the people of this section, among whom his reputation is that of an enterprising citizen of sterling worth.

GEORGE M. LANDON was born in Monroe, July 4, 1837, the son of Dr. George Landon, an old and highly respected physician of the city. He attended the public and private schools in Monroe, where he was prepared for college. He entered the University of Michigan in 1853, and was graduated therefrom in 1857.

He studied law in the offices of Ranney, Backus and Noble, in Cleveland, and Isaac P. Christiancy, of Monroe. His first law practice was in Grand Rapids, Michigan; removing to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he remained until the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, when he returned to Monroe, and entered his father's office of county treasurer; he received an appointment in the Fourth Regiment in 1862, and was mustered out of the volunteer service in 1865. He then entered the Chicago Theological Seminary, graduating in the spring of 1868. Entering the ministry, he occupied within a few years pulpits in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Leaving the ministry in 1875, he returned to Monroe, and was appointed city attorney, later being elected as county prosecuting attorney. He practiced his profession in Monroe, and served as judge of probate. At the time of his death he was treasurer of the First Presbyterian church of Monroe.

Mr. Landon died very suddenly of heart failure, at his home in Monroe, on Monday evening, December 16, 1912, and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery on Thursday, December 19th. He is survived by his wife, Kate Chapman, a daughter Lucia, wife of Frank B. Warren of Lake Forest, Illinois; two brothers, Doctor Henry B. of Bay City, Michigan; and John E. of Monroe; and a son, Major Edwin, U. S. A. The Board of Supervisors, in session passed resolutions of respect, and the Monroe Bar Association took appropriate action.

CHARLES R. WING, son of Talcott E. and Elizabeth Johnson Wing, was born in Monroe, April 2, 1853, and received his education in the schools of Monroe and the University of Michigan. Upon his return to Monroe, he was admitted to the bar, and entered upon the practice of his profession. He has been associated with his father in business, and was assistant to him in the preparation of a history of Monroe county, published in 1890. He is interested in looking after financial investments for clients, and matters pertaining to them. He resides with his sister, Mrs. J. G. Little of Monroe.

BERT J. NICKELS. The career of Bert J. Nickels is a noble illustration of what independence, self-faith and persistency can accomplish in America. He is a self-made man in the most significant sense of the word, for no one helped him in a financial way and he is self-educated. As a young man he was strong, vigorous and self-reliant. He trusted in his own ability and did things single-handed and alone. Today he stands supreme as a successful business man and a loyal and public-spirited citizen. He is engaged in the restaurant business at Monroe, Michigan, is a Spanish-American war veteran and takes an active part

in local politics, being supervisor of the First ward at Monroe, in 1912.

Bert J. Nickels was born on a farm in Monroe county, Michigan, in the vicinity of Dundee, the date of his nativity being the 7th of October, 1874. He is a son of Fred R. and Mary (Slaman) Nickels, the former of whom was born in Mecklenberg, Germany, and the latter of whom was a native of the same place. Fred R. Nickels was reared and educated in his native land and as a young man immigrated to the United States, landing in New York City, from which place he went directly to Monroe county, Michigan, here settling upon a farm near Dundee. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life time and passed to the life eternal in 1905, at the age of seventy-four years. His cherished and devoted wife, whose maiden name was Mary Slaman, died in 1904. In politics Mr. Nickels was a staunch supporter of the Republican party and he voted for every president after becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States.

To the parochial schools of Monroe, Bert J. Nickels is indebted for his preliminary educational training and subsequently he attended the public schools of Monroe. After leaving school he became a clerk in the grocery store of J. J. Weier, in whose employ he remained for a number of years. In 1904, he embarked in business on his own account, opening a restaurant in Monroe, the same being on the corner of Monroe and Front streets. A fine business is controlled and the restaurant ranks as one of the best in the city. Mr. Nickels is an unswerving Republican in his political convictions and he takes an active part in the local councils of that organization. He has served as a member of the Central Republican Committee and also as a member of the Congressional Republican Committee. In 1907 he was honored by his fellow citizens with election to the office of supervisor of the First ward; he is now serving his fourth term in that connection and his incumbency has been characterized by an ardent devotion to duty. At the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war Mr. Nickels enlisted as a volunteer for service in a Michigan company and he served for thirteen months, during which time he was in Savannah, Georgia, and in Cuba. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Monroe. He is a member of the United Spanish-American War Veterans, being connected with John M. Goodman Camp, No. 8.

In 1901 Mr. Nickels married Miss Gertie Navarre, a daughter of Sylvester Navarre, who came to Monroe county in the pioneer days. This union has been prolific of four children, namely—Luella, Burton, Ellsworth and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Nickels are popular citizens of Monroe, where they are accorded the unalloyed confidence and esteem of all who know them.

NELSON D. BAIRD. After many years spent in cultivating the soil of any one vicinity, the average Michigan farmer is loath to turn over his life work to other hands, but on coming to the realization that the time has come for him to retire from active pursuits and settle down to the enjoyment that his years of toil have earned for him, he invariably retires to the nearest town or village and there becomes one of its best citizens. Among this class stands Nelson D. Baird, highly esteemed re-

tired citizen of Milan and ex-soldier of the great Civil war, who for forty-four years cultivated the soil of Milan township. He is a native of the Empire state, and was born in Schoharie county, December 17, 1836, a son of David Baird, who was born in the town of Jefferson, County Schoharie, New York, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. The family originated in the highlands of Scotland, and the Baird clan was always noted for its bravery and honor. David Baird married Susan Arnold, who was born in Otsego county, New York, a daughter of Phineas Arnold, a soldier of the War of 1812. In 1857 Mr. and Mrs. Baird came to Michigan, settling first at Lockport, St. Joseph county, and removing later to Monroe county. The father died at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother when seventy-five years old, and they were the parents of eight sons and four daughters, four of the sons being soldiers, namely: Nelson D.; Chauncey, who served in the Eighty-third Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry and died in 1904 at Three Rivers, Michigan; Charles, of the Eleventh Michigan Infantry, was discharged on account of sickness, reenlisted in Battery E, First Michigan Light Artillery and died in Tullahoma, Tennessee; and Olintheus, of Battery E, First Michigan Light Artillery.

Nelson D. Baird received his education in the schools of New York, and came to Michigan in 1855, as a young man of eighteen years. He remained under the parental roof in Florence, St. Joseph county, Michigan, until February 25, 1864, when he enlisted at St. Joseph, Michigan, in Company E, First Michigan Light Artillery, under Captain Devries and Colonel Loomis, who was later promoted to brigadier-general. Battery E was a post battery at Nashville, Tennessee, till after the battle at Nashville in 1864, and participated in the battle of Nashville, against General Hood's Confederate forces, pursuing the Rebel forces to Pulaski, Tennessee, and on to Huntsville, Alabama, from whence they removed to Decatur, Alabama, where it remained till the close of the war. It was mustered out at Jackson, Michigan, July 30, 1865. Returning home, he took up the peaceful vocation of farming, and continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1903, achieving success in his ventures and cultivating a handsome property of seventy acres. This he sold in 1903 and retired to the village of Milan, where he has since made his home. He has a handsome residence of eight rooms, with a large, well-kept lawn and handsome shade trees.

Mr. Baird was married at the age of twenty-three years at Sturgis, Michigan, to Miss Harriet Richardson, who was born at Florence, St. Joseph county, Michigan, daughter of Dr. Richardson and Electa (Ingersoll) Richardson, the former a pioneer physician and surgeon, who came from Watertown, New York. Mrs. Baird died at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving two children, namely: Lena, the wife of Ed E. Ceas of Milan; and Frank, who is deceased. Mr. Baird's second marriage was to Miss Clara Bunce, and three children were born to them: Hattie, Jessie and Mrs. Ada Ellis. She died in December, 1880, and in 1884 Mr. Baird was married (third) to Miss Emma E. Hazen, who was born in Milan, daughter of Daniel C. and Elizabeth (Webster) Hazen, early settlers of Milan township, both of whom are now deceased.

Mr. Baird is a Republican in his political views, and has been active

in the ranks of his party, but not to the extent of seeking public preferment. However, he takes an interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his community, and at all times is ready to support movements calculated to be of a progressive or beneficial nature. He takes a lively interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to Taylor Post No. 274, of Milan, in which he has many friends.

GUSTAV C. MAINZINGER. In a history of Monroe county, it is eminently fitting that at least a brief mention be made of the life and work of Gustav C. Mainzinger, member of the well known Monroe firm of Mainzinger Brothers, dealers in wool, hides, furs, leather, etc. Of this firm a detailed account is given in the life sketch of Charles Mainzinger, elder brother of Gustav C., and thus not more than a cursory mention will be made of the origin of the firm and its growth and broadening out under the management of the three capable sons who came into the business upon the demise of their father and the founder of the business.

Gustav C. Mainzinger was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, on the 26th day of January, 1868, and he is the youngest son of his parents, Charles and Sophia M. (Glass) Mainzinger, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in early life. The boy, Gustav, was educated in the public schools of Monroe, and later attended the parochial school, graduating some time after from the Monroe high school. Following that he attended night school for some time in the study of business methods, after which he assisted his father in the meat shop of which his father was the owner and proprietor. When the elder Mainzinger extended his interests to the hide and pelt business, with its adjuncts, Gustav Mainzinger, with his brothers, became his father's helper, and thus they learned the details of a business which eventually came into their ownership when the father passed away June 9, 1909. Many changes have been brought to pass in the methods of operation in recent years, but all have been for the advancement and upbuilding of this sturdy and prosperous firm.

Mr. Mainzinger is a Republican in his political convictions and assumes his full share of civic duties and responsibilities. He is a prominent Mason and is affiliated with various bodies of that order, among them being Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., River Raisin Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., and Monroe Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar. He is a thoroughly progressive citizen, broadminded and enterprising, and is widely and favorably known throughout the county.

In 1887 Mr. Mainzinger was united in marriage with Miss Cyrene Renaued, a daughter of Herbert Renaued of Monroe.

ANTON WEIER. The death of Anton Weier in his eightieth year, on December 3, 1907, removed from the citizenship of Monroe county, one of the few remaining pioneers of the fifties. He had long been closely and prominently identified with the business affairs of his home city, and was noted for his rugged honesty, great industry and high character.

The late Mr. Weier was born June 17, 1829, at Wackernheim, Rhein Hesse, Germany, was educated in his native land, and in 1854 came to

America and direct to Monroe. Shortly after his arrival he was married to Miss Barbara Schumann, who had emigrated from Germany at the same time and to whom he had been betrothed in the fatherland. He had already served his apprenticeship and journeyman experience in the baker's trade, and this was his first business enterprise in Monroe. He prospered in the business, and later erected on West Front street the Weier building which remained his place of business and home until his death.

Anton Weier deserves particular mention in this history as being one of the founders of the grape growing industry in this county. About ten years after his settlement he and others imported some Concord grape vines from New York and for some years were engaged in extended experiments to ascertain whether viniculture could be profitably followed in this locality. The result was successful as all modern residents know, and due to this early enterprise of Mr. Weier and associates grape growing and wine making received its start in this section of the state. Mr. Weier thereafter engaged in the industry on a large scale, and in 1891 founded the Weier Wine Company, of which he was president up to the date of his death. He continued to supervise the manufacture of his wines in person until the last few weeks of his life, and it was largely due to this careful management that he gave his products such a widely extended reputation for excellence.

The late Mr. Weier was an active member of the St. Michael's church, having joined it soon after the congregation was organized. He was also throughout the period of his American citizenship a Democrat, though never engaged in practical politics. Mr. Weier was devoted to his family circle, in which and in the community at large he always retained high esteem. His widow and the following children survived him: Mrs. J. L. Hoffman; Joseph, a former alderman of Monroe; and August J., whose sketch follows. At the time of his death Anton Weier also had sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

AUGUST J. WEIER, son of the pioneer Anton Weier, is one of the active business men and a leader in the public life of Monroe. He was born in this city October 21, 1871, and received his early education in the public and parochial schools and in St. Francis College.

Throughout his career he has been identified with this city, and on leaving school his first practical experience was in his father's vineyard. He learned the vintner's business in detail, and was one of his father's capable assistants until 1907. On the death of his father he assisted in settling up the estate, after which he associated himself with the First National Bank, with which institution he has since been identified.

Soon after attaining citizenship Mr. Weier began taking an active interest in political affairs, and has been one of the prominent Democrats in this part of Michigan for a number of years. In 1896 he was elected to the legislature, serving during the sessions of 1897-98, and reelected in 1898, sessions of 1899-1900, and was member of the committees of ways and means, city corporations, revision of the statutes and state fishery and game. He has also been chairman of the Democratic county committee and city committee and member of the state central

committee. In 1900 he was a delegate to the national convention at Kansas City which nominated William J. Bryan.

Mr. Weier and family reside at 158 Monroe street. He was married in 1902 to Miss Cecelia M. Leib, daughter of Frank and Mary (Schaub) Leib, her father being one of the old and respected citizens of Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Weier are the parents of five children: Coletta M., Herbert F., Francis A., William R. and Roland G.

CHARLES R. OSGOOD. The present superintendent of the Municipal Lighting Plant of Monroe is a man of broad experience in the general field of engineering, and has been able to bring this municipal industry to a high state of efficiency.

Charles R. Osgood is a native of Ohio, born in the city of Columbus, July 21, 1868. His parents were Elijah R. and Rachel (Giddings) Osgood, his father having for many years been engaged in business in Columbus.

He was educated first in the Columbus public schools and also in the private school of Professor Schlessenger, one of the noted mining engineers of the time. On leaving school he was employed for some time on public works in the states of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and later at Dayton, Ohio. In 1903 he was one of the engineers engaged by the Detroit & Toledo Construction Company, and was appointed electrical engineer on the thirty-five miles of road connecting those two cities. After completing this undertaking he was engaged as superintendent of the Municipal Lighting Plant at Monroe, where his previous experience in similar works in other cities has resulted in substantial benefit to the city and citizens. The general management of the lighting plant is in the hands of the board of public works.

Mr. Osgood married, in 1894, Miss Florence A. Taft, and they are the parents of three children, Susan, Gladys and Robert R. Mrs. Osgood was born in New York and is a daughter of Lorenzo P. Taft. Mr. Osgood is a Mason, being affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and Monroe Chapter No. 22, R. A. M.

WALTER A. MEIER. One of the substantial and well ordered institutions that contributes to the commercial and financial stability of Monroe county is the Monroe State Savings Bank, and in his native city the standing of Walter A. Meier is well indicated by the fact that he is the able and popular incumbent of the office of cashier of this substantial bank.

The Monroe State Savings Bank was organized in 1905 and was incorporated with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, its surplus fund being now six thousand dollars and its function including a general commercial banking business in addition to those of the savings department. The personnel of the executive corps of the institution at the present time is as here noted: Dr. Lewis C. Knapp, president; John P. Bronson, vice-president; Walter A. Meier, cashier; and Addis E. Dunbar, assistant cashier.

Walter Anton Meier was born in the city of Monroe on the 26th of January, 1881, and is recognized as one of the representative young

business men of his native county, within which his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances. He is the eldest of the six sons of Frederick W. and Elizabeth (Munch) Meier, both of whom were likewise born and reared in Monroe county, where the respective families were founded in the pioneer days. On other pages of this work appears a sketch of the career of Frederick W. Meier, and thus further data concerning the family history are not demanded in the present connection. He whose name initiates this article duly availed himself of the advantages of the excellent public schools of his native city, and after completing the curriculum of the high school he entered the literary or academic department of the University of Michigan, in which he continued his studies for two years. He then became associated in the management of his father's mercantile establishment, devoted to books, stationery and wall paper, and finally he became a clerical executive in the banking establishment of B. Dansard & Son, one of the pioneer financial institutions of Monroe. He resigned this position in 1905 to accept that of assistant cashier in the newly organized Monroe State Savings Bank, and in the following year he was promoted to his present office, that of cashier, his advancement having been the merited reward for efficient service and a recognition of his excellent executive ability. He is also a member of the directorate of the bank and to his earnest and progressive efforts has been due much of the popularity of the institution, which now holds high rank among the banking houses of Monroe county. Mr. Meier takes a lively interest in all that touches the welfare of his native city and county and while he has never had any ambition to enter the arena of practical politics he is aligned as a staunch supporter of the Republican party.

On the 20th of April, 1909, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Meier to Miss Margaret Bronson, daughter of John P. Bronson, who is one of the representative business men and honored and influential citizens of Monroe, where he is vice-president of the State Savings Bank, as already noted, and also treasurer of the Boehme & Rauch Company. Mr. and Mrs. Meier are popular factors in the social activities of their home city and their attractive residence is known for its gracious hospitality.

FREDERICK W. MEIER. The representative business man and sterling citizen to whom this sketch is dedicated has been a resident of Monroe county from the days of his infancy and for nearly half a century has been actively identified with business interests in the city of Monroe, where he has long been proprietor of a well equipped establishment devoted to the sale of books, stationery, wall paper, etc. He has achieved substantial success through earnest and well directed effort and has ordered his course upon the highest plane of integrity and honor, so that he has secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of the community which has long been his home and in the welfare of which he has maintained a deep and abiding interest.

Mr. Meier was born in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, on the 27th of January, 1852, and is a son of August and Marie Christiana (Euberdick) Meier, who immigrated to the United States in 1855, when

the subject of this review was about two years of age. Soon after landing in the port of New York City the parents came to Monroe county, Michigan, and here the father worked on a farm in Monroe township. He was a miller by trade and was specially skilled in this line, so that he found profitable employment at his trade. He was employed for a number of years in the old Waldorf mill, which was operated by water power and which was situated a mile west of the village on the River Raisin, which is in the adjoining county of Washtenaw. Later he was identified with the operations of mills in the city of Monroe, and in one of the same he finally became an interested principal. He was an industrious and enterprising business man, a loyal citizen and he ever retained the inviolable confidence of all who knew him. He was summoned to the life eternal in 1895, at the age of sixty-six years, and his devoted wife passed away in 1888, at the age of sixty-five years, both having been zealous members of the German Lutheran church. Of their children six sons and three daughters are now living.

Frederick W. Meier, whose name initiates this article, gained his early educational discipline in the parochial school of the German Lutheran church in Monroe and he later continued his studies under the preceptorship of John Davis, one of the able teachers of the county at that time and a citizen whose name is held in lasting honor in this community; where he served as justice of the peace for many years. After leaving school Mr. Meier found employment as a clerk in the book and stationery store of the late Isaac Lewis, with whom he remained nearly twenty years, at the expiration of which he purchased the business of his honored employer. During the long intervening years he has successfully continued the enterprise, which he kept up to the highest standard in the matter of appointments and comprehensiveness of stock, and the business now takes precedence of all others of the kind in the city, the trade controlled being of substantial and representative character. The store of Mr. Meier is twenty by one hundred feet in dimensions, modern in its facilities and furnishings, and admirably equipped with full lines of books of all kinds, stationery for commercial and private use and all grades of wall paper. Mr. Meier is known as one of the substantial and influential representatives of mercantile interests in Monroe, is liberal and progressive as a citizen and holds the inviolable confidence and esteem of the community which has been the stage of his protracted and well directed endeavors as a business man. In politics, though never manifesting aught of desire for public office, he is a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party, and his religious views are in harmony with the tenets of the German Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared.

On the 5th of May, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Meier to Miss Eliza Munch, who was born and reared in Monroe county, where her father, the late Antone Munch, settled many years ago, the major part of his active career having been devoted to bakery and confectionery. Mr. and Mrs. Meier have nine children, namely: Walter A., Bertha, Julius, Adelia, Laura, Frederick, Robert, Oswald and Norman. Walter A., the eldest son, is cashier of the Monroe State Savings Bank and is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Bertha



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is the wife of Fred O. Southworth, and they reside at Monroe, Michigan; Julius is engaged in the book and stationery business with his father, at Monroe, Michigan, and the other children remain at the parental home.

EDWARD G. J. LAUER. A native son of the city of Monroe, who has here marked the passing years with large and worthy achievement as a business man and who holds secure vantage place in popular confidence and esteem is Edward George Joseph Lauer, who is here engaged in the retail dry-goods trade and whose establishment is metropolitan in all appointments and in every department of service, one of the largest and most important concerns of the kind in southern Michigan. His success has been almost phenomenal and is the direct result of his self-confidence, ability, aggressive policies and fine initiative powers. He began his independent career with virtually no capitalistic resources, but his character and ability proved adequate reinforcement and he has gained prestige as one of the leading merchants and influential citizens of the city and county that have ever represented his home. His close attention to business has not prevented him from showing a loyal and insistent interest in all that concerns the general welfare of the community, and he has been signally progressive and public-spirited in civic affairs, the while he has not only served his home city as alderman, but also as mayor for two terms—official preferments which well indicate the confidence and esteem reposed in him by the community. Further interest attaches to a consideration of his career by reason of the fact that he is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Monroe county, with whose history the name has been identified for nearly seventy years.

Mr. Lauer was born in the city of Monroe on the 20th of February, 1858, and is a son of Sebastian and Phillipine (Seitz) Lauer, the former of whom was born at Landshausen, in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, on the 9th of February, 1820, and the latter of whom was born at Wachenheim, kingdom of Bavaria, on the 11th of May, 1826, she having been a girl at the time of the family immigration to America and her parents having established their home in Monroe, Michigan, in 1837, the year in which the state was admitted to the Union. Sebastian Lauer was reared and educated in his native land and in 1841, about the time of attaining his legal majority, he came to the United States. In 1843 he came to Monroe, Michigan. On the 1st of June, 1846, he engaged in the boot and shoe business, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Emanuel Yeager, and this alliance continued until his death, which occurred on the 19th of July, 1860, at which time he was but forty-two years of age. It is interesting to record that the enterprise with which he was thus identified has been continued at the same location during the long intervening years, and it is now conducted under the firm name of Ed G. J. Lauer. Sebastian Lauer was a man of high principles, distinctive energy and excellent business ability. He was held in high esteem in Monroe county and his death was a loss to the business community. He espoused the cause of the Democratic party. His wife survived him by more than twenty years and was summoned to the life eternal on the 17th of August,

1883, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within the sphere of her gentle influence. She is survived by three children: Lucia, who is the wife of J. F. Wagner, of Monroe; Emanuel S., who is now engaged in dry-goods business at Petersburg, Michigan; and Edward G. J., of this review, who is the youngest of the number.

Edward G. J. Lauer was but two years of age at the time of his father's death, and his devoted mother, with small resources at her command, reared her children with earnest solicitude, though she was unable to give them the educational advantage which she desired. Mr. Lauer gained his rudimentary education in the parochial school of Emanuel Lutheran church, Monroe, and after three years in this school he entered, at the age of nine years, the public schools of his native city, where he continued his studies for the ensuing five years. At the early age of fourteen years he turned from his studies to aid in the support of his loved and devoted mother, and it has remained a matter of deep gratification to him that he was able to accord to her filial care and affection until she passed to the life eternal, at the age of fifty-seven years. At the age noted he secured employment in the local mercantile establishment of Gouverneur Morris, and at the beginning his salary was summed up in the princely stipend of seven dollars a month, neither board nor clothing being included. He remained in the employ of Mr. Morris until the spring of 1877, when he became a clerk in the dry-goods establishment of J. M. Bulkley, with whom he remained until the spring of 1881, when his employer removed to Manistee, this state. Concerning the advancement of Mr. Lauer in independent business enterprise, a succinct account has been previously published and from the same the following pertinent quotations are taken:

"Having by close application acquired a thorough knowledge of the dry-goods business during his nine years' clerkship, Mr. Lauer conceived the idea that Monroe could sustain a metropolitan dry-goods establishment, and with this thought in mind he made, on the 1st of May, 1881 his initial effort, the result of which has shown that he has a peculiar adaptation to and talent for his chosen occupation. After renting the store at 25 Front street, Mr. Lauer went to New York City, where, with no capital and with but little backing other than his experience in the business and the good wishes of his many friends in Monroe, he formed the acquaintance of John H. Reed, of the large wholesale dry-goods house of Bates, Reed & Cooley. To Mr. Reed he frankly stated the circumstances in which he was placed and the condition of business in Monroe, after which he gave a brief outline of what he expected to accomplish. His manly bearing and honorable attitude soon gained to him the warm friendship of Mr. Reed, who, requiring no other references than his own practical judgment of men, offered Mr. Lauer all the credit he might need in starting his business venture. Returning to Monroe, Mr. Lauer began business with a small stock of fine and well selected goods, and in harmony with his convictions as to correct business policies, he instituted a system of judicious advertising, by means of which he announced to the public what he had in stock and that he was offering bargains in his line of merchandise. He carefully lived up to all statements appearing in his advertisements and as he already had

the confidence and good will of the community, by reason of long acquaintance, his trade grew apace, and before the close of the first year such inroads had been made upon his small stock that he was compelled incidentally to fill a large portion of his shelving with empty boxes, to make a showing. He had visited the eastern markets several times and had there made the best possible selections of staple goods and novelties to meet the demands of an appreciative patronage, and he has constantly made it his study and his policy to keep on hand only fresh, desirable and salable goods, and to give to his patrons a selection from as large and varied a line as could be found in the leading stores of the kind in the neighboring cities of Detroit and Toledo. This was a high ambition and by some was originally considered presumptuous, but the years have fully demonstrated the wisdom of the progressive policy adopted by Mr. Lauer."

The rapid increase in the trade of the establishment soon compelled Mr. Lauer to enlarge his quarters, and finally he brought into requisition the two entire store rooms at 23 and 25 Front street. The rooms were remodeled and redecorated and at this location the business was continued with ever increasing success until 1897, when Mr. Lauer erected his present fine building at 23-25 East Front street. This structure is a substantial building of three stories and is thirty-six by one hundred and fifty feet in lateral dimensions. For the accommodation of the mammoth business now controlled by the concern, three floors and basement of this building are utilized, and the establishment is thoroughly metropolitan in all respects—one that would be creditable to cities many times the population of Monroe. He now retains in his employ in the Monroe store a corps of twenty clerks and office assistants, and he is known as one of the most progressive and successful merchants in southern Michigan. In all measures and enterprises tending to advance the best interests of the community he is ever ready to lend his influence and liberal support, and his affection for Monroe is fortified by appreciation of the fact that here he has found opportunity for winning his way to the goal of large success, with incidental popularity which he prizes above all else. He has been considerate and thoughtful in his association with his employes and thus they are bound to him by the closest of ties and give him zealous cooperation in the furtherance of the great enterprise of which he is the head. In 1887 Mr. Lauer opened a branch establishment at Petersburg, this county, and placed the same in charge of his elder brother, Emanuel S. Lauer, who likewise is known as one of the enterprising and substantial business men of the county. The branch store controls a large and prosperous trade and the enterprise proves a valuable adjunct to the main establishment, as there is concentrated a trade that was formerly disseminated in various villages in which only much inferior service could be given. Mr. Lauer was also president of the Monroe Stove Company until sold, which represents one of the important industrial enterprises of the city and county, and is the owner of valuable realty in his home city, including his store building and an attractive modern residence.

In politics Mr. Lauer accords a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party and while he has had no desire to enter the arena of practical

politics he has contributed his quota to the furtherance of the party cause and in a local way has shown the deepest interest in public affairs. From 1885 to 1888 he served as a member of the city board of education, and he was again the incumbent of this office from 1894 to 1896, inclusive, having been president of the board during this latter term. In 1888 he was elected alderman from the Second ward, notwithstanding that the same gives a large normal Republican majority, and he held the office of alderman for a total of two years. In 1894 he was signally honored by his native city in being elected its mayor, and the popular estimate placed upon his careful and progressive administration was shown in his being chosen as his own successor in the office, so that he served two consecutive terms of one year each. Mr. Lauer has been for many years a valued member of the Arbeiter Unterstuetzung Verein and he and his family hold membership in Trinity Episcopal church, to the various departments of whose work he is a liberal contributor. Concerning this sterling citizen and representative business man of Monroe the following appreciative estimate has been given by one familiar with his life and labors and the same is worthy of reproduction in this article: "As an example of a self-made man, rising from the humblest walks in life, by his own unaided energy and pushing qualities, to the enviable position of one of the representative business men of southern Michigan, Mr. Lauer has shown in a most remarkable manner what may be accomplished by earnest application, sterling integrity of purpose and honest dealings, and he well merits the high estimate placed upon him by the community which has ever represented his home."

The home life of Mr. Lauer has been one of ideal order and in this article it is consistent to give only the concrete data concerning this chapter in the history of his long and useful career. On the 3d of January, 1882, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Matilda Finzel, who was born and reared in Monroe and who is a daughter of George F. and Wilhelmina (Stoeckert) Finzel, the former of whom was for many years engaged in the hardware business in Monroe—a successful, influential and highly honored citizen, now retired, and the latter deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lauer have four daughters, Eleanore, Bertha, Marguerite and Irene and one son Raymond.

WILLIAM F. ACKER, M. D. Engaged in the successful practice of his profession in his native city of Monroe, Dr. Acker is recognized as one of the able, progressive and essentially representative physicians and surgeons of the county and is thus well entitled to consideration in this publication. Further consistency to such recognition is given by the fact that he is a scion of one of the sterling pioneer families of the county. His paternal grandparents, Leonard and Margaret (Rew) Acker, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and educated and where their marriage was solemnized. Upon coming to the United States they remained for a time in Rhode Island and thence came to Monroe county, Michigan, where the grandfather secured land and developed a productive farm. He was one of the honored pioneers of the county and both he and his wife continued to maintain their home here, the father still living in Monroe, the mother having died in Monroe,

November 14, 1912. William P. Acker, father of the Doctor, was born in Monroe and in this city he was long engaged in the work of the blacksmith trade,—a substantial citizen who commanded unqualified popular esteem. William P. Acker married Miss Margaret Hehl, who likewise was born and reared in Monroe county, a representative of one of the well known pioneer families of this section of the state.

Dr. William F. Acker is indebted to the public schools of Monroe for his early educational discipline and was graduated in the high school as a member of the class of 1897. Thereafter he began the study of medicine under private preceptorship and finally he entered the Detroit Medical College, in which excellent institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1901 and from which he received his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter he gained valuable clinical experience by serving as interne in Harper Hospital, one of the best in the city of Detroit, until 1903, when he opened an office in Monroe, where he has since continued in active general practice and where he has built up a professional business of substantial and representative order. He is a member of the Monroe county Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Society, the Mississippi Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In politics the Doctor is a staunch Republican and as a citizen he is liberal, progressive and public-spirited. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran church.

On the 7th of June, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Acker to Miss Mildred H. Crane, who was born and reared in Eaton county, this state, and who is a daughter of John and Mary (Spalding) Crane, her father having long been engaged in mercantile business in Eaton county and being one of its substantial and honored citizens. Dr. and Mrs. Acker have three children, William F., Jr., Robert Louis and Mary.

The Doctor is a member of local clubs and has been president of the Monroe County Society.

HON. HARRY C. ORVIS. The present mayor of the city of Monroe is Dr. Harry C. Orvis, one of the able young citizens and professional men, who has found and utilized large opportunities for service in the city of his choice. Dr. Orvis came here from the dental college in 1899, and in the years of building up an excellent practice has also taken a prominent part in public affairs.

Harry C. Orvis was born in Whitby, Ontario, May, 1879, a son of William H. and Emily (Dennis) Orvis, both natives of Canada. His father, who was a farmer in later life moved to Kansas, where he was engaged in mercantile business until his death in 1895. The Ontario public schools afforded Harry Orvis his early education, and after leaving high school he began the study of dentistry in the University of Michigan, where he was graduated in 1899. He is one of the most successful men in his profession in Monroe. His office and practical equipment is maintained at the highest point of efficiency and modern standards.

Dr. Orvis was married in 1904 to Miss Spalding, daughter of General George Spalding, president of the First National Bank and one of the first citizens of Monroe. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and on the ticket of this party was elected to the office of mayor in the

spring of 1911. His administration has been notable for much material accomplishment in the improvement of the city. Mayor Orvis is well known in Masonic circles, being a member of Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., and River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M.

REV. JAMES S. DOWNEY. The great mother church of Christendom has maintained strong vantage ground in Monroe county from the early pioneer days to the present time, and the parish of St. Mary's church, in the city of Monroe, has a long and interesting history, both in its spiritual and temporal activities. Of this fine old parish Father Downey is assistant priest, as coadjutor to Rev. Joseph Joos, the honored rector of the church, and he is well entitled to specific recognition in this publication, such consideration being the more consonant by reason of the fact that he is a native of the Wolverine state and a representative of one of its sterling families.

James Samuel Downey was born in the township of Silver Creek near the city of Dowagiac, Cass county, Michigan, on the 23d of January, 1873, and is a son of Eugene and Abbie (White) Downey, both natives of the fair old Emerald Isle, where the father was born in County Cork and the mother in County Kerry. (Their marriage was solemnized in Marshall, Michigan.) They immigrated to America and established their home in the vicinity of the city of Toronto. There Eugene Downey became a successful agriculturist and a citizen of influence in his community, and the town of Downeyville was named in honor of the family. He finally removed with his family to Michigan and he was for many years one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of Cass county, where he was engaged in farming in Silver Creek. Both he and his wife passed the closing years of their lives in this township and both were most earnest and zealous communicants of the Catholic church, in whose faith they carefully reared the children. Of the eighteen children born to this couple, five sons and one daughter are now living.

Father James S. Downey passed his boyhood days on the farm and gained his early education in public schools. He thereafter continued his studies in Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Indiana, and in Assumption College at Sandwich, province of Ontario, Canada. Graduated in the philosophical course in 1898. In preparation for the work of his holy calling, Father Downey entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in which he completed his theological course and in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1901. He was ordained to the priesthood on the 7th of July, 1901, by Right Reverend John S. Foley, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Detroit. On the 7th of September of the same year, Father Downey came to Monroe, Michigan, to assume his present office of assistant priest of St. Mary's parish, and here his earnest labors have been fruitful in goodly results, both spiritual and temporal, the while he has the affection and high esteem of the members of the important parish with which he is thus concerned, and the unequivocal regard of the entire community. St. Mary's church has a membership of five hundred families and the parish organization is one of the largest in the entire northwest. The

parochial school has an average enrollment of about three hundred and fifty, and four hundred children represent the average membership list of the Sunday school. Father Downey is indefatigable in his parochial activities, and it may well be understood that the same place insistent demands upon his time and attention. He enjoys unalloyed popularity in his home city and county and is broadminded and public-spirited as a citizen, with his political allegiance accorded to the best men in any of the old parties.

DR. WILLIAM F. KNAPP. The late Dr. William F. Knapp, of Monroe, Michigan, was not only one of the best known professional men in this section, but also widely known as a successful business man. Although most of his professional career was spent in Monroe county, yet he had practiced in one of the large cities of the Middle West and his success there was even greater than in the vicinity of his boyhood home. He had the peculiar qualities that belong to the successful physician: a quiet, reassuring manner, a strong will, sympathy and a fine mind, that was able to cope with the difficult problems which the doctor is called upon to solve daily. His death was not only a shock to the community but a loss that can never be made good, for though other physicians may come, who are equally as able as was Dr. Knapp, he will have a distinct and separate place in the memory of his people for he was more than a doctor; he was a true and tried friend.

William F. Knapp was born in the township of Raisinville, on July 2, 1855, the son of Ludwig and Martha (Martin) Knapp. He was always a student, even as a boy, and he assimilated learning with remarkable rapidity. By the time he was sixteen he had completed the courses offered by the public schools in his vicinity, and entered the State Normal at Ypsilanti, taking the course in English and Latin, and graduating from the institution in 1875. He had determined during these years that he would take up medicine as a profession and therefore the opening of the University of Michigan in the fall of 1875, found him enrolled as a student in the medical department. He was graduated from the great school at Ann Arbor, in 1878, and upon returning home, began to look about him in search of a good location. Dr. C. T. Southworth, at the time one of the most prominent practitioners in Monroe, the father of Dr. C. T. Southworth of Washington street, had been watching the young fellow, and now offered him the position as assistant in his office. Dr. Knapp accepted, and for two years held this position, deriving the greatest benefit from his association with the older and more experienced physician. He was tremendously interested in his work, and the skill which he developed as time went on, together with the charm and the power of his personality, aided him to build up an extensive practice which was rather more largely located in the country than in the city. This fact induced him after considerable persuasion to remove to LaSalle, Michigan, in the spring of 1880.

He practiced for several years in LaSalle, winning marked success, and then coming back to Monroe, he opened an office on the north side of Front street. He was warmly welcomed by his old patrons, and soon developed a large practice, having the honor of being appointed medical

examiner for several insurance companies and for the Working Men's Society in this city. In 1904, feeling that he could handle a larger field he removed to the city of Toledo, where he purchased a beautiful home on Warren street, and established an office in "Doctors' Row" on Michigan street. Although he had hoped for success he was greatly surprised to find himself soon popular and well known. During his years in Monroe the business side of his nature had asserted itself and he had acquired considerable valuable property, showing himself a good judge of property values and a shrewd business man. After his removal to Toledo he began to sell out his interests in Monroe, that he might concentrate all of his efforts on his work in Toledo, only retaining a farm near LaSalle. His plans were blighted by a sad event that took place in 1909. His youngest son Tracy, in whom his hopes were deeply centered, was studying at the University of Michigan, with the intention of following in the footsteps of his father, and eventually entering into partnership with him. The young boy was taken ill and despite his immediate removal to the milder air of the south, the lavish use of money, and the best of care and medical attendance, he died in Toledo in the spring of 1909. The brilliant successes which Dr. Knapp had achieved and the roseate future that lay before him, seemed to have turned to ashes in the sight of Dr. Knapp. In his distress he instinctively sought old scenes and familiar faces, and turning away from the prospect of a large and lucrative city practice, he again returned to Monroe in June, 1909.

It was about twelve years ago that Dr. Knapp fell from a ladder and sustained injuries which his physicians think may have caused his death, for he had an apparently strong constitution and was far from an old man. While he was living in Toledo, in March, 1908, he suffered a stroke of apoplexy, and although he recovered quickly, this was very likely the beginning of the end. After returning to Monroe, he steadily grew worse and practically ceased his professional work, spending much of his time out-of-doors in the attempt to recover his strength. He had another stroke on the sixth of March and a third shortly afterwards from which he never rallied, passing away on March 10, 1910. He died at Dearborn, Michigan, where he had been taken a few days before in hopes that the quiet of the place might prove beneficial.

The funeral which was held on the 12th of March, was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances, and the great masses of beautiful flowers showed how devotedly he was loved by those to whom he had ministered through so many years. The doctor was a member of the Odd Fellows and the order attended in regalia and acted as an escort for the remains to their last resting place.

On January 1, 1880, Dr. Knapp was married to Miss Margaret J. Graham, of LaSalle, Monroe county, Michigan. She was a daughter of George W. Graham and Julia A. (Sprague) Graham, and was born in Chautauqua county, New York. Her mother is still living and though she has passed her ninetieth birthday, yet she is hale and hearty and is in possession of all her faculties. Mrs. Knapp's paternal grandfather was George Graham, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to the United States early enough to become one of the pioneers of Mon-

roe county. George W. Graham, the father of Mrs. Knapp was born in Monroe county, and grew to manhood in this section. He enlisted in the Fifth Michigan Cavalry, at the outbreak of the Civil war, and had the hero, General Custer as his commander. He was one of the martyrs of Libby prison during the war, who died in Monroe county.

Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Knapp, Myrtle who died in infancy. Tracy L., whose sad death has been mentioned was born in Monroe, August 29, 1886. The only living child is Burton S. He took up the study of pharmacy, and during the last five years of his father's life was connected with the Pharmaceutical Establishment of the Frederick Stearns Company of Detroit. He has severed his connection with this institution and is now devoting himself to the cares of his father's estate.

VERNON C. BREWER. Among the many intelligent and enterprising agriculturists of Monroe county, Michigan, will be found the name of Vernon C. Brewer, of Dundee township, one of the most influential and respected citizens of that community, who has entered prominently into its public life and is recognized as one of its most progressive and worthy men.

Mr. Brewer was born in Bergen, Genesee county, New York, June 24, 1869, to Gilbert N. and Carrie Brewer, the latter of whom died when her son was but six weeks old. He was adopted at that time by Anon H. Brewer and wife, who reared him and educated him in the public schools to the age of fifteen years. It was not until he had nearly reached manhood that it was made known to him that Mr. and Mrs. Brewer were not his real parents. In 1876, when he was about eight years old, he accompanied his foster parents from New York to Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, where Mr. Brewer passed away in 1883 and his wife in 1895. Vernon C. remained in their home until both parents had passed to the life beyond.

He owns a farm of eighty acres in section 21 of Dundee township and has given his whole attention to the general lines of agriculture, his efforts having been attended with gratifying success.

On May 11, 1892, Mr. Brewer was united in marriage to Miss Frankie L. Hobart, of Whiteford Center, Michigan, who was born September 13, 1869, in Whiteford township, was reared there and was educated in its public schools. She became a teacher and taught five or six terms prior to her marriage. Her parents were Christian Hobart and Esther Colby Hobart, the former a native of New York and the latter of Detroit, Michigan. They were married in Monroe county, Michigan, and were residents of Whiteford township for fifty years. The father has passed away but the mother is still living and remains a resident of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer have three children: Ruth Ann, born December 3, 1893, who graduated from the Dundee high school in 1912, and has taken up the profession of teaching; Carrie L., born July 12, 1896, who is now a student in the Dundee high school; and Edward B., born April 27, 1900, a pupil in the grades. Mr. Brewer is affiliated fraternally with two of the oldest fraternal orders, the Masons and the Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Dundee Lodge No. 206

Knights of Pythias. He is a member of Dundee Lodge No. 74 Free and Accepted Masons, of Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37 Royal Arch Masons, and of Dundee Council No. 4 Royal and Select Masons, and both he and his wife are members of Ruth Chapter No. 89, Order of the Eastern Star, of which lodge she is a past worthy matron and he a past worthy patron. He affiliates with Thomas Lodge No. 211 Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Dundee, is a past noble grand of that lodge, and Mrs. Brewer is a past noble grand of its auxiliary Rebekah lodge. He is a member of the grand lodge of both the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and both he and his wife are members of the Michigan Rebekah Assembly and the grand lodge of the Eastern Star.

In politics Mr. Brewer is a Republican and at the present time is chairman of the Monroe County Republican central committee. He was elected supervisor of Dundee township in 1903, has served in that office continuously since June 15th of that year, having been reelected to that office each year since that time, and in 1911 he served as chairman of the board of supervisors of Monroe county. He has now also been a member of the school board of district No. 7 for thirteen years, and his long tenure of office in each of these capacities bespeaks his ability and efficiency.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are honorable and upright people, quiet and unassuming, but are endowed with those personal qualities of character that make them valued factors of society and have drawn to them a host of friends. It is with pleasure that the publishers of this volume give them representation among the best families of Monroe county.

CAPT. AMOS T. HECOCK. Among the first of the thrifty settlers from New York State coming to Monroe county, Michigan, were Samuel C. and Catherine C. Hecock, the parents of Capt. Amos T. Hecock, one of the best known of Monroe county citizens, whose advent to this section of Michigan dates back nearly a century ago and who became large contributors to the upbuilding of this opulent section. They were born in New York, he in Schenectady county in 1792 and she in Orange county in 1799. Samuel C. Hecock was of English and German descent, while his wife was of Scotch-Irish lineage and was a direct descendant of Thomas Lynch, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. They were married in Ovid, New York, in 1818. About this time many were moving to the Territory of Michigan and as reports came back as to the cheapness of the land, the wealth of fine timber and the unusually fine opportunities for homes in Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Hecock too became enthused with the spirit of emigration and late in the fall of 1824 they made preparations to start on the then long and perilous journey with three little children, barrels of dishes and chests of bedding. The latter had been made by the thrifty housewife before her marriage, as was the custom of that day, and the family soon found itself fortunate in being so well provided for in this respect, for in a short time there was use for them. Several of these beautiful blue and white woven counterpanes are still in existence and in excellent condition and are highly prized by the owners as heirlooms and as samples of an art that has passed. They left Ovid, New York, in November by ox wagon for the New York and

Erie canal en route to Buffalo. The weather was favorable during their journey thence, but the way was long and the boat slow, so slow in fact that some three weeks passed ere they reached Buffalo. Upon their arrival there they found that an open schooner was about to start for Monroe, Michigan, and being fearful of changing weather and anxious to conclude their journey, they took passage. Almost from the start they were confronted with adverse winds, gales and sleety storms, and with Lake Erie at its worst, another three weeks elapsed before they reached Detroit, safe but tired and weakened from the rough voyage. They resided in Monroe until 1832. While the United States turnpike from La Plaisance Bay to Chicago was being surveyed and work begun they moved to Dundee, where they bought land and built a large double log house on Tecumseh street, a part of this famous military and post road as all national turnpikes were then termed. Here they opened a hotel known for years as the Hecock Hotel, famed for the geniality of its host and the excellent fare served by its hostess, whose first consideration was the comfort of their guests, and there are still pioneers in this section who retain a "sweet" memory of the quality of the maple syrup and sugar they made. Samuel C. Hecock was a man of sterling integrity, was identified with every movement which had for its purpose the upbuilding of his community, and for years was a colonel in the state militia. In 1849 they abandoned the hotel and built a substantial frame house on the same site. Here on November 29, 1850, Samuel C. Hecock passed to the higher life, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. His wife survived him until December 26, 1861. Of the seven children living at the time of the father's death, Capt. Amos T. Hecock is now the sole survivor.

He was born July 28, 1838, in the township of Raisinville, whither the family had removed from Dundee and where they remained less than a year before returning to their former home. His education was begun at the age of five in a little red school house on the banks of the River Raisin, where now stands Pulver's blacksmith shop, and as he grew older he, with other lads, worked during the summers and attended school during the winters. At the age of sixteen he took up farm work but soon became convinced that his aptitude was not for that vocation, and though he filled his contract for the season and received his wages of \$8 per month with board and washing, that summer concluded his experience in general farming. He was fond of stock, however, having a way of handling horses and cattle that attracted attention, and was very early entrusted with teams to take travelers to the various villages around Dundee. Later he drove stock to Toledo and carried large sums of money to and fro, as banks were not so numerous then as now. When seventeen years of age he became a student in the Ypsilanti Union Seminary, where he remained one year, and from then until 1861 was engaged in various lines of business. In that year he sold the mercantile business he was then conducting and on August 22d was mustered into the United States service as a private in Company D, Seventh Michigan Volunteer Infantry. On September 2, 1861, he was made second lieutenant of his company and on March 1, 1862, he was promoted to the office of first lieutenant. For gallantry and bravery in action on the field at Yorktown

he was again honored by being made captain of Company D, being at that time but twenty-three years of age. In December, 1862, he was appointed chief of ambulance on General Darius N. Couch's staff and after the latter was relieved Captain Hecock held the same office on General Hancock's staff. The 7th Michigan Infantry was engaged at Ball's Bluff, Yorktown, West Point, Fair Oaks, where it participated in the bayonet charge that broke the enemy's line, Peach Orchard, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads and Malvern Hill. It fought at the second battle of Bull Run, was with General McClellan at South Mountain and Antietam, and in the latter battle Captain Hecock was wounded on September 17, 1862. This regiment was with Burnside's army at Fredericksburg, where it crossed the Rappahannock in open pontoon boats (the first Union troops to land on the other side) and here Captain Hecock received his second wound while crossing in the second boat of the pontoon bridge on December 13, 1862. With the assistance of the 19th Massachusetts infantry, the 7th Michigan regiment dislodged the sharpshooters here and captured almost as many prisoners as its own members. This was one of the most gallant acts of the war. Captain Hecock served in the Army of the Potomac until June 22, 1863, when he was mustered out by order of the war department to accept the position of deputy provost marshal of the Fifth congressional district of Michigan, in which capacity he served until January, 1865. During the following three years his attention was given to different affairs, a portion of that time having been given to prospecting in the oil fields of West Virginia and one year having been spent in the law office of Grosvenor & Rauch at Monroe. In 1869 he accepted the position of deputy county treasurer and in 1872 was elected county treasurer of Monroe county, serving two years. He then retired from politics and official life and became interested in general trade. On October 19, 1872, he married Miss Cynthia Zeliff, a most estimable lady who passed to the great beyond on March 7, 1879. A month later Captain Hecock with his brother Mandeville went to Texas on a prospecting trip and they were so well satisfied with the country that they decided to remain. Buying the Winfield Scott ranch in Johnson county, they stocked it with graded native and Hereford cattle and became thorough stockmen. After the death of his brother on June 3, 1896, Captain Hecock disposed of his property in Texas and in 1898 returned to the old Hecock homestead in Dundee, Michigan, which has now been in the continuous possession of the family since 1832.

The second marriage of Captain Hecock occurred on December 27, 1884, and united him to Mrs. Anna M. Underwood, daughter of James G. and Mary (Pope) Jordan. Mrs. Hecock was born in Indianapolis in 1843 and was educated at Lynch Seminary and at Earlham College. Captain Hecock is a member of Pontiac Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons, Pontiac Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and of Pontiac Council of Royal and Select Masons. He is also a member of William Bell Post No. 10 G. A. R.

DR. THEODORE O. POTTER. Among the professional men of Monroe county who are of native birth is Dr. Theodore O. Potter, who was born

in Whiteford township on December 8, 1858, and is now a practicing physician and surgeon in Dundee. He is a son of Oliver Potter and Cynthia (Hinds) Potter, representatives of two of Monroe county's pioneer families. Oliver Potter came to Whiteford township, Monroe county, about 1845, and the Hinds family had settled in that township in 1840, their farm being south of Ottawa Lake and remaining their homestead until the parents' death. Oliver and Cynthia Potter were the parents of two sons—Dr. Theodore O. Potter and Alfred H. Potter, the latter of whom is now a railroad engineer in Canada.

Dr. Potter was reared a farmer boy and received his earlier education in the public schools near his home and in the Sylvania high school. His professional training was received in the homeopathic department of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he completed his course in 1881. He began the practice of his profession in Grand Traverse county, Michigan, continuing an active practitioner there seventeen years. From there he removed to Sturgis, Michigan, where six more years were spent in professional service, and then in 1905 he returned to his native county of Monroe and took up practice at Dundee, where he has since remained. In each of his locations he has gained a representative clientele and has won the reputation of an intelligent and successful physician and of a most estimable gentleman.

On October 28, 1879, Dr. Potter was united in marriage to Miss Alice Vesey, and of the children born to their union four are living, namely: Theodore O., Jr., born in 1888; Leona F., a graduate of the Dundee high school and now the wife of Herman Covel; Pearl A., who is now Mrs. Earl Taylor; and William Franklin, now fourteen years of age and a graduate of the eighth grade of the public schools. In politics Dr. Potter is a Democrat and has served as health officer of Dundee. His fraternal associations are as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America.

HARRY ARMITAGE CONANT. Harry Armitage Conant bears one of the old and honored names of American history, and he traces his ancestry back to Governor Roger Conant, the founder of the family in America, who was born in 1592 and died in 1672. Mr. Conant was born in Monroe, Michigan, on May 5, 1844, and is the son of Dr. Harry Conant and his wife, Maria Stewart, the former being born in Mansfield, Conn., April 19, 1790, dying in 1851, at Monroe, Michigan, and the latter born in 1804, dying in 1895. They were married in 1821. He is the grandson of Elezeaz Conant, who was born in 1751, and his wife, Eunice Storrs; the former died in 1819 and the latter in 1790, their marriage having taken place in 1777. Elezeaz Conant was the son of Lieut.-Col. Shubael Conant of Mansfield, Connecticut, one of the prominent men of his day, and was educated in Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1776, after which he studied theology, although he did not proceed to ordination. His marriage to Eunice Storrs occurred on July 10th, in the year mentioned previously, and he settled down in his native town. He was well equipped by education and training for a post of rank in the army, and as the son of a declared patriot and representative official,

it appears that he secured an appointment in the service as paymaster, and in September, 1877, was stationed with the American army at Peekskill, New York. The exact status of Elezeaz Conant in the army is impossible to be determined officially because of an incompleteness in the published records of the officers and men of Connecticut who served during the Revolution, as a result of loss or destruction of original and official manuscript, but family tradition has it that he served as a paymaster in the Connecticut Line, and letters in possession of the family written by him during the war period would bear out the belief. The powder horn which he carried during the war, bearing his name, is now in the possession of John S. Conant, the brother of the subject. His father, Shubael Conant, and the great-grandfather of Harry A. Conant of this review, was born in 1711 and died on September 16, 1775. He was one of the most able, active and trusted men of his time. He held field officer's rank in the Provincial Militia; he represented Mansfield in the General Assembly of Connecticut from 1741 to 1760 and was speaker of the house from 1753 to 1760, when he became a member of the Governor's Council and remained therein until the opening of the Revolution, when he was chosen a member of the Council or Committee of Safety, a position in which he was active until his death. He married Ruth, the daughter of Caleb Conant, in 1738 and she died in 1766.

Lieut.-Col. Conant was the son of Josiah Conant, born in 1680 and who died in 1765, and his wife, Joanna Dimmick, who was born in 1682 and died in 1766. Lieutenant Exercise Conant, the father of Josiah Conant and the great-great-great-grandfather of the subject, was born in 1637 and died in 1722, and he was the son of Governor Roger Conant, who was born in the parish of East Badleigh, Devonshire, England, on April 9, 1592. He removed to London, emigrated to New England in 1623, landing at Plymouth, and in the following year he was selected as governor of the settlement at Cape Ann and accordingly took up his abode at that place, founding the town of Salem and building the first house there. He died on November 18, 1679. Interesting side-light upon the Conant family as represented by Governor Roger Conant may be found in the book entitled "The Landing at Cape Ann, 1624," by John Wingate Thornton and published by Lincoln and Gould, Boston, 1854, also in the History of the Conant Family in England and America, by F. O. Conant, of Portland, Maine.

Harry Armitage Conant was educated in the public schools of Monroe, Michigan, the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, and the University of Michigan, Class of 1865. He entered the university in 1861, but quitted it prior to the time when he should have been graduated. Mr. Conant first engaged in business on his own responsibility at Monroe, in 1867, under the firm name of J. G. McBride & Co., Tobacco Manufacturers. In 1870 he sold out his interest in the business, and since that time has engaged in no commercial pursuits, other than as a stock-holder or director in mercantile corporations. Although Mr. Conant was admitted to the bar in 1873, he has never practiced his profession. He has been identified with various financial institutions, and for many years, until 1905, was vice-president of the First National Bank of Monroe, Michigan, resigning from the office in that year. He is now a director

of the Union Trust Company of Detroit, and is connected with a number of other financial and commercial enterprises.

Mr. Conant has filled many of the municipal offices of Monroe, as well as those of larger importance in the state. He was state senator in 1879, secretary of the state of Michigan for two terms between 1883 and 1887, chairman of the Michigan State Board of Mediation and Arbitration in 1901, American Consul at Naples, Italy, in 1880, and American consul at Windsor, Ontario, in 1905, which position he still holds. He has been identified with the Michigan Naval Reserves, and was first paymaster of the division, but saw no active service in the field. He is a member of the Yondotega Yacht Club of Detroit, the Detroit Club, the Country Club, the Windsor Club, the O. L. Club of Monroe, and the Monroe Yacht Club. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his eligibility to membership in that society being established through his record of service of his grandfather, Elezeur Conant, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this sketch.

Mr. Conant was married on May 27, 1868, to Miss Mary Morris Thurber, daughter of Horace C. Thurber and Mary (Darragh) Thurber. Their one surviving child, Marguerite Stewart, is the wife of Charles S. Withey, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a son and daughter having died before becoming of legal age.

MELVIN R. BRIGHTBILL. Among the well-known and prosperous men of Raisinville township, Melvin R. Brightbill takes a prominent rank, and as a miller in the town for the past fourteen years, he has earned the confidence and esteem of his fellow towns-people through years of business dealing with them. Born in Raisinville township on August 30, 1869, he is the son of Elias and Juliette (Umbarger) Brightbill, both of whom were born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania. They came to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1855, and there made their home. The father was a civil engineer, but he taught school for years and was quite popular and successful as a music teacher also. He died in 1906, but his widow yet survives him. Five children were born to them, three of whom are living at this time (1912). Winfield S. is unmarried and makes his home with his mother; Elmer E. is identified with the farming activities of the township in which he was reared, and Melvin R. of this review is the third and youngest son.

In the district school and the Monroe Union school, Melvin Brightbill secured his schooling, and when he had completed his training entered the teaching profession, continuing to teach in Raisinville township for eight years. He then learned the miller's trade, after which he leased the mill at this point and for fourteen years he has plied a busy trade among his townspeople and those from adjoining points, he being the proprietor of the Raisinville Flour and Feed Mill for the past ten years.

In 1895 Mr. Brightbill married Ada B. Kring, a native of this township. They have five children: Henry W., born July 3, 1897; Melvin L., October 27, 1898; Newton E., May 27, 1900; Harriet J., October 24, 1905; Kring E., May 26, 1909.

Mr. Brightbill is a member of Monroe Lodge No. 19, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Monroe Encampment No. 180. He is a Re-

publican, but has never taken an active part in the politics of the county, beyond the demands of good citizenship. He is one of the solid men of the township, and is held in high esteem by all within the limits of his acquaintance.

JOHN G. GOLD, who is a native of Germany, has been a resident of Raisinville township, Monroe county, Michigan, since 1902, and has been engaged in the general merchandise business at Grape, in Raisinville township since that time. He is one of the prominent and prosperous men of the township, and with his family, is held in the highest esteem by the people who have occasion to do business with them and have every opportunity to become conversant with their many admirable qualities.

Mr. Gold was born in Germany, as before stated, and is the son of George and Barbara (Femmell) Gold, both of whom passed their entire lives in their native land. The subject was born there on September 22, 1861, and when he was seventeen years old he came to the United States. Between the time of his landing and the time when he came to Raisinville township, Mr. Gold lived variously in Buffalo, Toledo and Detroit, locating in Grape in 1902. Since he became established in the mercantile business there, he has enjoyed a very pleasing success, and is known for one of the most prosperous men of the township. He is a man of progressive ideas, and has done considerable traveling in late years, having just returned in July from his sixth trip across the ocean. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic church, he, with other members of his family, being communicants of the church of Ida.

In 1878 Mr. Gold was married in Buffalo to Miss Catharine Adser, and they have one daughter, Lydia, a graduate of the public schools. She is unmarried and makes her home with her parents.

Mr. Gold is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Arbeiters of Maybee, in both of which he carries insurance in the Arbeiter Company. The family is one of prominence and popularity in Raisinville township, and all are held in the high esteem of the community.

SOLOMON ANSTED, one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, while he has been a resident of this locality since he was five years old, claims the "Buckeye State" as the one of his nativity. It was in Wood county, Ohio, July 29, 1859, that he was born, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Welker) Ansted, both of German birth. The grandparents of Mr. Ansted, both paternal and maternal, emigrated to this country with their respective families and settled in Ohio, and it was there that Jacob Ansted and his wife met and were married. They spent their wedded life in Wood county, and after his death, which occurred there, the widowed mother came with her children to Michigan and established a home in Monroe county. That was in April, 1864, when Solomon was five years old. Here the mother died in 1904 and following is her obituary.

"Elizabeth Welker was born at Darmstadt, Germany, December 9, 1818, and departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John



THE ANSTED HOMESTEAD

Grinage at Temperance, February 2, 1904, aged 85 years, one month and twenty-four days. In the year 1831, at the age of thirteen, she with her parents and an older brother traveled a distance of three hundred miles with a team and wagon to the seaport called Bremen. Here they embarked for America on the ship Alexandria; after being on the water nine weeks they landed at Baltimore, Maryland. Being weavers by trade they secured temporary employment in a cotton factory a few miles from this place. From here they moved to Frederick, Maryland, where they secured employment for a short time in helping to build the first railroad that was constructed in the United States. They then moved to Middletown, Pennsylvania, where they found employment for a few years in a woolen factory.

"In 1834 they left the brother, and Elizabeth with her parents traveled with one horse and a wagon through the wilderness, over hills and through swamps, to Sandusky county, Ohio, to a place known as black swamp, now Hessville. Here they traded their horse and wagon for forty acres of wild land, on which they settled and made their home. October the 18th, 1838, Elizabeth was married to Jacob Ansted. To this union were born thirteen children, of which nine survive her. In January, 1864, Elizabeth with her husband traded their property for a small piece of land in the township of Bedford, Monroe county, at the place now called the village of Temperance. While moving to this place, the husband, who was afflicted with an inveterate disease, sickened and died, leaving her with ten children; these ranged in ages from two years to twenty-four years. Here she spent the remainder of her life, and for many years toiled vigorously to maintain her support and rear her large family. 'Grandma Ansted,' as she was generally known, was an earnest and consistent Christian from her youth and departed this life leaving clear evidence of her peace with God. She was a friend to everybody and was readily befriended by all who knew her. The names of her children are Jacob W. Ansted of Samaria; Mrs. Catherine Steig, of Temperance; Mrs. Libbie Carr, of Temperance; Lewis Ansted, of Toledo; Mrs. Annie Grinage, of Temperance; William H. Ansted, of Temperance; Franklin A. Ansted, of Temperance; Solomon Ansted, of Temperance, and Mrs. Caroline Dull, of Monroe. She was ancestor to thirty-nine grandchildren, thirty-seven great-grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. Of the grandchildren eleven have died and of the great-grandchildren five have died. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure and many will miss her. The funeral services were conducted at the Free Methodist church, February 5th, by Rev. L. H. Mulholland of Spring Arbor, assisted by Revs. J. W. Tolly and S. B. Smith. Interment was made in the Hitchcock Cemetery."

In the district schools of Bedford township Solomon Ansted laid the foundation for that broader education which he has gained in the school of experience. From the time he was seventeen until 1896, covering a period of twenty years, he devoted his energies to farming. Then he engaged in the hardware, implement and furniture business at Temperance, and successfully conducted the same until he sold out in 1906. The next three years he represented the International Harvest-

ing Company. The farm, however, held its attractions, and again we find him engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns fifty acres of land where he lives, in Bedford township, and twenty-two acres a mile south of this tract. Besides this, he has other real estate interests, including a house and lot in Toledo, Ohio, and a cottage and several lots at Toledo Beach.

December 25, 1883, Mr. Ansted and Miss Emma Butler, a native of Bedford township, were united in marriage. Mrs. Ansted was born February 24, 1866, and is the third in a family of five children, four sons and one daughter born to John A. and Calista (Belman) Butler. There are three of the children yet living: eldest is Chas. A., resident of Temperance, Michigan, educated in common schools and is married. Mrs. Ansted is next. Richard A., resident of Toledo, Ohio, is a carpenter and joiner. He is married. John A. Butler is a resident of Temperance, Michigan. He was a soldier in the Civil war, and was a carpenter by trade in years past. His wife is a native of Ohio and both are members of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Solomon Ansted was educated in the common schools and she is a lady of pleasing address and personality, and has been her husband's counselor and aid in life's work. Mr. and Mrs. Ansted have four children; the eldest is Ernest J., a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and is now a salesman for an automobile company; he was reared on his father's farm, and educated in the common schools. He wedded Miss Carrie Grostefaune, and they have three children: Kenneth B., in school; Paul D. and Gilbert R.

Gertrude M. wedded J. Arthur Rowland, and they have two children, Floy Lucile and Grace Elenore. Mr. Rowland is a Republican and a traveling salesman.

Hanford S. B. completed the public schools and is now in the third year of the Toledo high school.

Beulah Ferne is in the public schools and has taken some musical training. Mrs. Ansted is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, as is also her husband.

Mr. Ansted is a member of the Free Methodist church at Temperance, of which he is a trustee, and an active worker. He takes little interest in politics more than to vote a straight Republican ticket.

GEORGE W. BARTOW. One of the most public-spirited and progressive agriculturists of Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, is George W. Bartow, a man of sterling qualities who through sagacious and sapient business ability has achieved no uncertain success in a financial way and as a citizen of the progressive stamp has become one of the foremost men of this community.

He comes of a respected Ohio family and was born at Milan, Erie county, Ohio, on September 19, 1861, a son of William and Anna (Hollister) Bartow and a grandson of Alvin Bartow. His father is now deceased but his mother is still living and continues her abode at Milan, Ohio, of which place she has now been a resident more than half a century. Four children came to these parents, of whom George W. of this review is the only one located in Monroe county, and is one of two now

living, the other being his sister Cora, the wife of David Martin, of Prescott, Michigan.

Reared at Milan, Ohio, George W. Bartow during his youth was engaged in acquiring an education, having been a student in the common schools there and in the Western Reserve Normal at Milan, Ohio. In the meantime, however, at the age of ten, he began independent activities and for eight years was employed in a ship yard, but was unable to save much of his earnings during this period. After that he worked by the month until he was twenty-three years of age. On October 14, 1884, he married Miss Etta Moore, a native of Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, and they have since been residents of Dundee township. Mr. Bartow owns 153 acres adjoining the village of Dundee, where he is engaged in general farming. He also is extensively engaged in the buying, feeding and shipping of cattle, and besides his well-tilled farm near Dundee he is the owner of realty in northern Michigan. He is at present, the general manager of the Farmers Telephone Company, and is now one of its directors. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a member of Thomas Lodge No. 211, at Dundee, is a past noble grand of his lodge and a past chief patriarch of the encampment, and is also a member of the Michigan grand lodge of this order. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bartow are members of the auxiliary order of Rebekahs. In politics Mr. Bartow is a Progressive, politically has been deputy sheriff of Monroe county, and has held all of the other township offices except clerk and supervisor. At all times he has been an ardent friend and advocate of education and public advancement, and frequently has given substantial support to different public enterprises without remuneration. Ever maintaining a strict character for probity and having made himself a useful as well as worthy citizen, he well deserves the high standing he enjoys in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartow have five children: Myra, the eldest, is a graduate of the Dundee high school and was a teacher prior to her marriage to Otto Drake; Mildred E. is a graduate of the Dundee high school and the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and holds a life certificate as a teacher, and Alvin E., Marion B. and Melba, aged respectively seventeen, ten and five years, are all at the parental home.

FREDERICK D. MOSER. One of the self-made and successful men of Monroe county, Michigan, is Frederick D. Moser, who is engaged as an undertaker and furniture dealer at Dundee. He is a direct descendant of German forebears. In presenting a brief sketch of his life in this volume several purposes obtain: to give due recognition to a citizen of worth and standing, to set forth a life story that tells of the steady and patient pursuit of a definite aim in life and of the success that almost invariably rewards such perseverance and industry, and to recognize further the force for good which the German-American citizen is acknowledged to have been in all lines of activity since the beginning of our national life.

Mr. Moser was born in Toledo, Lucas county, Ohio, July 15, 1873, this month and day being of peculiar significance in the Moser family as the birth of the father and of two other sons occurred on July 15.

George P. and Charlotte (Drayer) Moser, the parents of Frederick D., were both born in Germany. The father came to the United States when fourteen years old and the mother had reached the age of twenty ere she left the Fatherland for a home in the New World. After their marriage they first took up their residence in Cincinnati, Ohio, but later removed to Toledo, Ohio, and located on Washington street, where the father was engaged in the hardware and cornice business as a member of the firm of Moser, Henry & Reeder and where he continued to reside until his death. Frederick D. Moser was reared in the city of Toledo and acquired his education there. He learned the upholstering trade and followed it in Toledo ten years before he engaged in business independently at Temperance, Monroe county, Michigan. Later he removed to Dundee, where he erected a building and opened a furniture and undertaking establishment but on a much larger scale than the one he had conducted at Temperance, his establishment being the only one of its kind in Dundee and unusually large and complete for a town of this size. Prosperity has attended the efforts of Mr. Moser but has come as a result of his own well-directed energies and business discernment, for all that he has he has gained for himself by diligence and economy and by many hard knocks.

Mr. Moser married Miss Clara Guldi, October 23, 1901, of Erie, Michigan, and one daughter, Dorothy, born in 1904, has been the issue of this union. In religious belief Mr. Moser was reared in the faith of the German Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally he affiliates with the Masonic order as a Royal Arch Mason, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Butler, Indiana, and Mrs. Moser is a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekahs. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Moser is essentially a business man, but of that sturdy, sterling type that is a force for good in any community, and the very qualities of character that have been the foundation of his business success have also made him a citizen that ranks among the most worthy of Monroe county.

JOHN G. NICHOLS. The years of John G. Nichols' residence in Raisinville as a representative of the farming industry have been sufficient to establish him on a solid ground with the native residents of the township, so worthy has been his life among them, and so typical of the best citizenship and other admirable qualities with which men of his blood are frequently endowed.

Mr. Nichols was born in Germany on February 24, 1839, the son of Conrad and Gertrude (Knauf) Nichols, both of whom were born, reared and educated there. They married in their native land and came to the United States in December, 1855, making their first stop of any duration in Sandusky, Ohio, where they lived for two years. They then moved to a farm in Erie county, Ohio, where Mr. Nichols purchased a farm, which represented his home and the center of his activities until his death in 1895. He was the father of five children, two of that number being living now (1912); John G. of this review, and Charles, who is a farmer in Ohio.

John G. Nichols was reared in Erie county, Ohio, and when he came

to years of manhood he was occupied in running a farm for its owner for a number of years. In 1877 he came to Monroe county, Michigan, there buying a farm of one hundred acres, and he has since devoted himself to the management of that place.

In May, 1879, Mr. Nichols married Miss Sarah Cowans of Erie county, Ohio, the marriage taking place at the Park Hotel in Monroe, Michigan. No children were born to them, but they adopted a girl who is now married and living in Ohio. Mrs. Nichols died on December 27, 1911. She and her husband were charter members of the Raisinville Grange No. 410, and both were prominent in the work of the society. Mr. Nichols was first master of the Grange and his wife was first secretary, serving for eight years. Mrs. Nichols was one of the honored and respected women of her community and her passing was deeply felt in the circles where she had been known.

Mr. Nichols has always taken an active and prominent part in the various affairs of his township politically and otherwise. He is a staunch Republican politically. Although confirmed in the German Lutheran church, he has departed from the faith and is now a firm believer in Spiritualism.

SHERMAN P. HENDERSHOT, a well-to-do farmer of Raisinville township, was born in Monroe county and township of the same name on June 17, 1862. He is the son of Robert and Sarah (Plues) Hendershot. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1816, and he came to Michigan in 1831, locating in Lenawee county, coming later to Monroe county. He was engaged as a stage driver between Monroe and Toledo, Ohio, for some years. He married in Monroe county, Michigan, and settled on the farm in Monroe township. His son, the subject of this review, now lives on the Plues homestead. Six children were born to Robert and Sarah Hendershot, of which number five are living now (1912).

Sherman P. Hendershot was reared on his father's farm and was a regular attendant at the district schools of his community in his boyhood days. After he was sixteen years old he left school and thereafter gave his undivided time and attention to the work of the farm. He came on his present estate ere his father died. His farm is one hundred acres in extent, and Mr. Hendershot has the papers by which the government granted it to the original owner in 1812. Under his management it has continued to prosper as in former years, newer and modern methods now being in operation on the farm as compared with the regime of his father. At the death of Thos. Plues, Mr. Hendershot's uncle, Mr. Hendershot had an inheritance, and then purchased the shares of the other heirs in 1891. He erected a modern residence. Mr. Hendershot has in his possession the original parchment deed executed by President James Madison, one of the rare heirlooms of Monroe county.

April 30, 1891, Mr. Hendershot married Miss Blanch Dunbar, a daughter of A. E. Dunbar. She was reared in Bedford township, educated in the Union school of Monroe, and previous to her marriage was clerk of the probate court during the time when her father was judge of probate. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hendershot:

Ralph, now in California; Grace, deceased about thirteen years of age; Adelaide is in the second year of Monroe high school, and Edwin D.

Mr. Hendershot is a member of Monroe Lodge No. 19, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a Republican in his political affiliations. He is a stockholder in the Monroe Butter & Cheese Company, one of the thriving business concerns of the place. Mrs. Hendershot is a Rebekah and also a member of the Eastern Star of Monroe.

DAVID WEILNAU is one of the prominent farmers and business men of Raisinville township, of which he has been a resident since he was four years old. He is the son of Fred W. and Mary (Speck) Weilnau, and was born on August 3, 1860, in Huron county, Ohio, where his parents had settled soon after their arrival in the United States. They were of German nativity, and came to the states in their early years; they were married in New York soon after landing and made their way to Ohio at once, where they located on a farm; they came to Monroe county in 1864, and passed the remainder of their lives within the confines of the county. They were the parents of the following named children: Louise, the wife of Daniel Miller; Fred W., a farmer in Bedford township; David, of this review; Mary, the wife of Philip Weilnau, of Ohio; Lydia, who married C. Spohr, of Dundee township; Maggie, married to John Spohr, also of Dundee township; John, a farmer in Raisinville township; Kate, who married William Clime; George A., a farmer of Dundee township; Emma, the wife of Robert Studer of Toledo, Ohio; Carrie, who married Henry Rambow, of Ridgeway, Lenawee county, Michigan, and Charles, a farmer of Raisinville.

David Weilnau was four years of age when he came to Raisinville township with his parents. Here he attended the district schools which were afforded in that time and worked on the farm with his father in the intervals when he might. His attendance at the primitive school continued until he was in his eighteenth year, after which he gave his time exclusively to the farm work, up to the time he was twenty-six years old. In that year he married, and thereafter was independently engaged in farming the piece of land which he bought. His farm consists of sixty-eight acres, and is one of the best kept and cultivated spots in the township. His wife was Carrie E. Miller, a native of Huron county, and she became the mother of five children: Lizzie, the wife of William Domling of Raisinville township; Jennie E., who is unmarried; Emma, Walter and Frank. In March, 1906, the wife and mother died, and on May 30, 1909, Mr. Weilnau married Miss Mary Lehr, of Ida township. The family are members of the Presbyterian church of Ida. Mr. Weilnau is a member of the Raisinville Grange and is secretary of the lodge, as well as being secretary of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Monroe county. He was one of the organizers and has been president of the Ida Telephone Company since its organization in Ida township, its officers being: David Weilnau, president; F. W. Schafer, secretary and manager; John S. Knapp, treasurer; H. E. Kelley, vice-president; Charles Yelch and Henry Freidenberg, directors.

Mr. Weilnau is a Democrat and has served several terms as supervisor of Raisinville township, and was one year chairman of the board of supervisors of Monroe county.

DR. JOHN B. HAYNES. One of the leading physicians and surgeons of Monroe county, Michigan, who has not only made a splendid record as a medical practitioner and business man, but has also had considerable military experience is Dr. John B. Haynes, who has been established in the successful practice of his profession at Dundee for nearly thirty years.

Dr. Haynes is a native to the soil of southern Michigan, having been born in Ridgeway, Lenawee county, Michigan, on November 8, 1848. His father was Levi Haynes, a farmer, and his mother was Miss Catharine Lynn prior to her marriage. His youth to the age of eighteen was spent on a farm and he received the rudiments of his education in the public schools of his native county. At the age of nineteen he entered the United States army, enlisting at Chicago, and remained in the service five years, during which time he served in the Modoc war in Oregon and California and had charge of General Wheaton's body guard and also that of General Edward Canby until the latter was treacherously shot while negotiating for the removal of the Modoc Indians from northern California. After his discharge from the army in 1873, Dr. Haynes came to Dundee, Michigan, where he was united in marriage to Nellie J. Dickerson. They located first in Tecumseh, Michigan, but later he took up the study of medicine in the Detroit Medical College and after his graduation in 1884 as a doctor of medicine he removed to Dundee, where he has since conducted his professional labors. In 1898 he again entered military service as captain of Company D, Thirty-fifth Michigan Volunteer Infantry and served throughout the Spanish-American war. Upon his return to Dundee he resumed his medical practice and is one of the best known and most successful practitioners of the county. Dr. and Mrs. Haynes have two daughters, both of whom are now married and are residents of Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Haynes is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order and with several other fraternal organizations. In politics he is a Democrat. He has served as a member of the town council and of the school board of Dundee and is president of the business men's organization of that town. In fact, any project that has for its purpose the advancement of Dundee or of Monroe county receives his prompt and cordial support. He owns a drug store at Dundee and a fine farm in Dundee township. He is much interested in agriculture and is a prominent member of the local grange. As physician, soldier and citizen his services have always been of the highest order and no one in this community enjoys a higher standing than Dr. Haynes.

JERRY L. KEMMERLING. In the various lines of activity to which Jerry L. Kemmerling has devoted himself since he became of independent years, he has met with unqualified success in all, as the logical sequence of the application of the splendid qualities of energy, perseverance and high personal integrity which he has been liberally endowed with. As teacher, lawyer, real estate dealer and farmer, he has been more than ordinarily successful, and the history of Monroe county would be incomplete in its biographical feature without some mention of the life and work of this son of Michigan.

Born in Raisinville township, Monroe county, on October 19, 1868, Mr. Kemmerling is the son of John and Sofia (Loose) Kemmerling. He is the eldest child of his parents. As a boy he attended the district schools of the township and later attended Monroe high school and the state normal at Ypsilanti, after which he turned his attention to teaching. For ten years he continued in that profession, and was principal of the Maybee schools for two years. While he was teaching he gave his spare moments to study, and planned to identify himself with the profession of the law in due time. After he gave up his pedagogic labors Mr. Kemmerling was for a time engaged as a traveling salesman, and in 1904 he gave that up and having completed his law studies, was regularly admitted to the bar in that year. He located in Louisville, Kentucky, and engaged in private practice, making a name for himself in that place by reason of his sterling qualities, and in addition to his legal practice, gave some attention to real estate matters, in which he enjoyed a pleasing degree of success. His combined law and real estate business have brought him a financial independence which is especially creditable, considering that he began life without any capital other than his courage and determination to succeed in the world.

The neighborhood in which Mr. Kemmerling was reared was always an attractive spot to him, and as he prospered in business, he turned his attention to the old home and eventually bought a fine farm in Raisinville township. It is a tract of 175 acres in the finest farming region in the state, and Mr. Kemmerling has given up his business for a time in order to personally supervise the improvements on the place. He believes in modern and scientific methods in farm life, and his place is an example of applied scientific in agriculture.

Mr. Kemmerling is a Republican, but he has never had any leanings toward political favoritism, and has never been a candidate for office. He is a citizen of merit and takes a praiseworthy interest in whatever community he finds himself. Fraternally, he is a member of Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M. He is unmarried.

HON. C. WESLEY KEMMERLING, representative of Monroe county in the state legislature since the fall of 1908, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county, is a native son of Michigan, born on the farm in Raisinville township which he now owns and occupies. He was born on February 15, 1872, the son of John and Sofia (Loose) Kemmerling, and was one of their five children. He received his early education in the district school of Raisinville township, the Monroe high school and the Michigan state normal at Ypsilanti, Michigan. His schooling completed, he returned to the farm, where he was occupied in the work of the home place for two years, after which he went to the Ohio oil fields, remaining there for eighteen months. After returning to his Michigan home he devoted himself to farming until he became engrossed in politics and in 1908 was elected to the state legislature. He has served two terms, and has been active in the interests of the county during that time. He has served on numerous committees and was chairman of the industrial committee for girls. He is the author of the county drain bill and succeeded in putting it

through the house, and was instrumental in retaining the Custer monument at Monroe. He has taken active measures with regard to other bills effecting his district, and has in various ways shown that his endeavors have been for the best interests of his constituents. He was also active in framing the game laws of the state. He is a Republican, and at one time was highway commissioner of Raisinville township. Fraternally, Mr. Kemmerling is a member of the Monroe Lodge No. 19, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Encampment of Monroe, Michigan.

In the autumn of 1896 Mr. Kemmerling was united in marriage with Miss Ethel F. Lautenslager, born in LaSalle township. Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kemmerling: Kenneth D., aged fifteen years; Bliss H., thirteen years old, and Delbert L., aged seven.

Mr. Kemmerling owns a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres and in former years gave himself up to the fuller cultivation of the place. In these times, his political duties and enforced lengthy absences from home make it impossible to personally manage the work of the farm, but he supervises its operations at long distance, and thus keeps it well under cultivation, despite his many other duties.

He was candidate of the Republican party for state senator in the fall of 1912, and made a formidable canvass in the two counties Lenawee and Monroe and was defeated by 107 votes against both parties.

HARRY CONANT BULKLEY. Son of John McClelland and Mary Cole Bulkley, was born in Monroe, Michigan, March 7, 1870. He received his early education in the schools of Monroe, and entered the University of Michigan, graduating with the class of 1892. Three years later he was graduated from the law department of the university, and went to Detroit, where he has since resided. In 1895 he entered the law offices of Russel & Campbell. Five years later he was admitted a member of that firm, the form of which was changed to Russel, Campbell & Bulkley. In 1912, Henry Russel withdrew from active membership, but retaining his connection, as counsel. At this time the firm name was again changed, and became Campbell, Bulkley and Ledyard.

In August, 1899, Mr. Bulkley married Cora Strong Flint, daughter of Hon. John Strong of South Rockwood, Michigan. Their children are: Leavitt James, John McClelland, II, Mary Dishbrow and Helen Chauncy. The family residence is at 165 Seminole avenue, Detroit.

In April, 1911, Mr. Bulkley was appointed a Regent of the University of Michigan, to succeed Hon. George P. Codd, who was appointed a judge of the circuit court for Wayne county.

Mr. Bulkley is a member of the American Bar Association, Michigan Bar Association, Detroit Bar Association, the D. K. E. Fraternity, and the following clubs: Detroit Club, Yondotega Club, University Club, Country Club, University of Michigan Club of Detroit and Prismatic Club.

JAMES EDWARD KEEGAN was born in Monroe, Michigan, May 5, 1850, and is one of those of humble parentage who belongs in that successful

self-made-man class, in whom Monroe has especial pride. Poor's "Biography of Railway Officials" gives this brief sketch of Mr. Keegan's service with the Pennsylvania System, but it does not tell the whole story of his associations with his birth place, nor of his public services in the second city of Michigan, where with his family he now resides: "Mr. Keegan received a common school education in district and union schools; he entered the service of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway at Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 20, 1868, as machinist apprentice; from March, 1871 to January, 1882, he was employed as a machinist and assistant foreman of the Fort Wayne shops of that company; from January 1, 1882 to March 1892, was general foreman of shops of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railway Company at Grand Rapids, Michigan; from March, 1892 to April, 1906, was master mechanic of the above railway; from April, 1906 to date, he has been superintendent of motive power of the same company."

This record of his railway service shows an uninterrupted connection and continued advancement through a period of forty-four years with the corporation with which he originally became employed—an unusual experience to say the least, briefly recorded in the official biography of railway officials.

Mr. Keegan has reluctantly consented to the author's addition to this record of something of his early life in Monroe and his recollection of the place where he was born, which naturally involves personal experiences and associations of interest.

His parents were James and Ann Keegan; the former of Irish descent and the latter a daughter of John and Ann Hanson of English antecedents, who settled in Monroe county about the year 1845, on land located on the edge of the present city of Monroe—a district known at the time as Waterloo, and their residence being built on what is about the present site of the Pere Marquette Railroad station. The property consisted of 160 acres, extending from First street south to Plum creek. His father's parents moved from New York City in 1844 to Monroe county and located on land three miles west of Monroe on Plum creek and spent the remainder of their lives in the home thus established, both reaching a very advanced age, the grandfather and grandmother of the subject being respectively 103 and 100 years of age at the time of their death.

The parents of Mr. Keegan were married in 1846 and their home was established in Monroe on the corner of Cass and Third streets, opposite the grounds of Boyd's Young Ladies' Seminary, now the high school, and here the subject was born. His father was largely engaged in cooperage business operating one shop on the corner of Monroe and Third streets where the church of Trinity Episcopal parish now stands, and another on Marine street. His death occurred in Monroe during the cholera epidemic of 1854, when he was but twenty-nine years old. Mr. Keegan said in the course of a recent interview: "My recollections of school extend back to the days of Mrs. Keiser's Juvenile School which she established in her own home, located on Elm avenue (at that time called River street) on the lot now occupied by Mr. Boyez Damsard's fine residence. It was a good children's home school and I think

almost all of the boys and girls of my own age were enrolled there at one time or another. Mrs. Keiser was a good, motherly woman, and maintained good government, so that the children learned many things besides those that were gleaned from their books. I afterwards attended a well-known school conducted by Miss Ada Crumps at her home and later, the district schools, taught at times by men and women, alternately. I recall Miss Dusenberry and a man named Stewart; the latter evidently was no believer in the theory of 'moral suasion' as the boys had ample demonstration of the opposite fact, and he faithfully and practically proved that he had no intention of 'sparing the rod and spoiling the child.' With the completion of the Union school at Sixth and Washington streets, district schools were mostly abandoned and I attended the new Union school. I afterward attended a night school conducted by Mr. John Davies. I remember the names of my school mates and boy chums in those early days as Bill and Joe Stirling; the Strong boys; Hon. H. A. Conant; Henry Landon; "Gunlock" Bailey; John Bulkley, who is now writing these annals of Monroe county, and others. My first employment was in the delivery of the *Monroe Commercial*, a weekly paper published by M. D. Hamilton. My work in this capacity consisted in delivering the paper to subscribers on Thursday afternoons after school hours. I received for this responsible service the weekly stipend of thirty cents. My devotion to this duty and my success as a distributor resulted in my securing a similar service with the *Monroe Monitor*, increasing my earning capacity to sixty cents a week. Upon relinquishing this lucrative position there were about twenty boys waiting for the job.

"With the breaking out of the Civil war a demand for the daily papers published in Detroit and Toledo sprung up and I was actively employed in the delivery of these papers to subscribers during the morning hours before school. The news agency was operated by Joseph Cole and later by Mrs. F. M. Winans, the widow of Lieutenant-Colonel Winans of the Seventh Michigan Infantry, who lost his life in one of the engagements of the regiment in Virginia. The proclamation of President Lincoln and the preparations for war impressed me wonderfully. I knew personally about all the young men of Monroe who enlisted in Company A (Smith Guards) Fourth Regiment of Michigan Infantry and in Company D of the Seventh Infantry; especially do I recall Will and Con Paulding, who were among the first to enlist from Monroe and among the first who lost their lives in the service. Also Sherman Plues who was shot through the face by a ball which nearly cut off his tongue; and George Spalding, "Vene" Curtis, the Clark boys and others; George Maxwell, the daredevil cavalryman, who took for his model Kilpatrick, the great Michigan cavalryman who fought with Custer and reached a lieutenant-colonel's commission. Maxwell had some of Custer's qualities as a fearless soldier and won his shoulder straps for great personal bravery.

"But General Custer was the great hero, the real thing! And the proudest day of my life, I think, was when he selected me to take sole care and charge of his favorite charger, Don Juan, who enjoyed the reputation of being a 'man killer.' It was a wonderful big stallion, the

horse that the general rode at the Grand Review at Washington when the sensational incident occurred that drew all of the thousands of eyes to the wild 'runaway' of the horse with his rider as they flew down Pennsylvania avenue at a terrific pace. The Custer family were neighbors of my people, and 'Colonel Tom' and his brother Boston were my chums in Monroe, all of whom lost their lives with General Custer's command on the Rosebud at the terrible massacre by the Indians in June, 1876. I also remember Mrs. Custer very well, as also her father, Judge Bacon, who had a particular liking for boys.

"My first regular employment, later, was with Joseph M. Stirling in 1865, which was secured by his son, William C., as the result of association and friendship formed while hunting ducks and musk rats in the Monroe marshes. I continued in the employ of Mr. Stirling for two years, when I secured a position with the Reynolds & Lewis Nursery Company and remained in it until 1868, when I began my railroad career." (Quoted above from Poor's Biography.)

Mr. Keegan's residence in Grand Rapids has been marked by recognition at various times by his fellow citizens with relation to the municipal affairs of the city, notably as president of the board of public works, in which his services were so valuable as to receive general commendation. He still resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JAMES VICTOR BARRY, the son of James Richard and Elizabeth (Cotter) Barry, was born in Monroe, Michigan, on September 21, 1861. He received his education in that place, being graduated from the Monroe high school in 1880. On the day following that of his graduation, he began work as a reporter on the *Monroe Commercial*, which work he combined with similar activity as a correspondent for various papers in other cities. A responsible official position came to him in an appointment to act as deputy register of deeds in Monroe county, under Edward Roeder, register of deeds. In 1882, under the appointment of the Hon. Harry A. Conant of Monroe, he went to Lansing to undertake the duties of a clerk in the office of the secretary of state. Here he served consecutively as clerk, executive clerk and chief clerk of the department of state, until the autumn of 1890, when he resigned the last-named position in order to become assistant secretary of the Republican State Senate Committee.

Returning to Lansing after the elections of that year had closed, Mr. Barry became city editor of the *Lansing Journal* and in that capacity he continued for eight years. In addition to his work as city editor for his own paper, he at the same time engaged extensively in corresponding for the newspapers of Detroit, Chicago and New York.

In January of 1901, James Barry was appointed by Governor Aaron T. Bliss to the position of commissioner of insurance of the state. His first incumbency of this office was due to a vacancy but on the expiration of that term he was again appointed by the state executive for a full term of two years, beginning July 1, 1901. His second reappointment at the hands of Governor Bliss ensued two years later. Three subsequent reappointments by Governor Fred M. Warner paid tribute to Mr. Barry's ability and thoroughness in this position.

When the leading casualty and accident insurance companies of the United States organized the Publicity Bureau to have general oversight of the workings of this business, it was natural that a man of Mr. Barry's experience, character and efficiency should be sought to fill the position of manager. He therefore resigned his Michigan commissionership of insurance in order to take charge of the bureau.

Within a few weeks after entering upon this work, Mr. Barry was tendered by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, the position of assistant secretary to the company. Inasmuch as it was recognized generally that the latter position offered greater opportunity, the governing board of the Publicity Bureau graciously released him from his obligations to that organization. He has since that time continued in the service of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The family of Mr. James V. Barry consists of Mrs. Barry, nee Miss Gertrude Beamer, of Lansing, to whom he was married in 1887; and their two children, James Beamer and Louise Barry.

DAVID S. BARRY. On May 5, 1859, David S. Barry was born in Detroit, Michigan, and was one year old when he came with his parents to Monroe. Here he attended the public schools and in vacations employed his time in clerkships with leading merchants and business men. In 1871, on the recommendation of I. R. Grosvener, the representative from Monroe county, he was appointed messenger boy in the lower house of the Michigan legislature. In 1873, he was reappointed to the same position by Speaker Croswell. In October of the same year, on recommendation of Representative Edwin Willits of Monroe county, he received the appointment of messenger boy to Hon. Sullivan M. Cutchson, president of the constitutional convention. Two years later, having been recommended by Hon. I. P. Christiancy, United States senator from Michigan, he was made a page in the United States senate. In the meantime he continued his educational development along practical lines, taking advantages of the evening schools in Washington and mastering the useful and convenient knowledge of stenography, so necessary to a journalistic aspirant. In 1879 he was appointed clerk in the United States treasury, but his journalistic and literary ambitions were now being transmuted into opportunities of the latter sort and one year later he accepted the position of Washington correspondent for the *Detroit Tribune*. His connection with this paper continued for seven years, during which time he also rendered special service to various Detroit and Chicago papers. His extensive work for the press has brought him into close touch with such men as Hon. W. R. Morrison of Illinois, Senator William A. Wallace of Pennsylvania, Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island and Senator Omar D. Conger of Michigan.

In 1887 Mr. Barry entered the Washington office of the New York *Sun*. Two years later he was placed in charge of the Washington bureau of this paper, ably filling the position until he left it in order to accept the position of editor-in-chief of the Providence *Journal*. Mr. Barry was naturally rather proud of the connection, for President

Emeritus James B. Angell of the University of Michigan, had once filled the same editorial chair, as his first literary responsibility.

Mr. Barry became financially interested in the *Providence Journal*, but did not find the position of editor-in-chief so congenial as the life of a correspondent in the national capital. His characteristic keenness for news, his partiality for associating with men of national importance and his enjoyment of that storm center and social center of American life made it a logical sequence that he should about two years later find himself again in his familiar environment. The whirling events of Washington have since been his chief interest as the representative of his own paper, the *Providence Journal*, and also of the *Evening Bulletin*.

Mr. Barry has always enjoyed the implicit confidence of public men, because he possessed one of the chief assets of a newspaper man—that of being always absolutely loyal to all matters entrusted to him.

Mrs. Barry was formerly Miss Cora Bonney and her marriage to David Barry took place April 19, 1883. Their children are two sons and two daughters. One daughter is Mrs. Sevellon L. Brown, of Washington, D. C.; the other is yet attending school. One son, James Richard Barry, who is the namesake of his grandfather, is an ensign in the United States navy; while his brother, David S. Barry, junior, is a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Hon. James V. Barry, assistant secretary of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, and late commissioner of insurance in Michigan, is the only brother of the prominent newspaper man to whom this brief account is dedicated.

SAMUEL L. WALLACE. "Best blood on earth" an observant old clergyman used to say of the Scotch-Irish. Those who worthily combine the steadiness of the one and the keen intelligence of the other have done much toward contributing sterling qualities of character to the communities of the middle west. A family of such type is that of the Scotch-Irish Wallaces, related undoubtedly to the famous clan that is Scotland's historic pride, but of the branch that sought Ireland as its later home. From this branch sprang the ancestral line of Samuel L. Wallace, the estimable banker of Temperance. Both his father, Samuel Wallace, and his mother, who in her girlhood was Mary Boyle, were born in Ireland. They came as children to the United States and were married in 1840 at Fall River, Massachusetts. They made Michigan their home, locating first in Exeter township and later in Ash township, Monroe county. Here Samuel S. Wallace was born on November 25, 1860.

He was reared on his father's farm and educated in the district schools and the graded and high schools of Carleton, completing the courses there prescribed at that time. As a young man, he first turned his attention to farming, but his natural tendencies being of a somewhat commercial nature, he presently became interested in fire insurance business. This work he began in 1897, at the same time, in conjunction with Charles L. Edwards, undertaking the reorganization and publication of the *Carleton Times*. With gratifying success they managed and



*Samuel L. Wallace
And Family*

published this weekly newspaper for about three years, at the end of which time they sold it to Mr. George Williams.

On January 1, 1898, Samuel Wallace was appointed postmaster of Carleton, serving in this responsible office for six years. In 1896 he was appointed by the board of supervisors as a member of the board of county canvassers, which office he held for four years. He resigned as postmaster of Carleton, when he removed to Temperance, his present home.

Meanwhile his banking interests had been developing. In 1900, he had become a partner in the bank of Carleton. The next year he helped to organize the Bank of Ida, and sold his interests in the bank of Carleton. In December of 1903, he founded the bank of Temperance and is now its cashier. Both of these banks with which Mr. Wallace is connected are private banks and both are doing a flourishing business. Not only in banking affairs, but in other enterprises as well, the subject of this sketch is active and successful. He organized and was made president of the Farmers' Independent Telephone Company and is secretary of the Toledo Beach Home Telephone Company. He owns an eighty-acre farm in Ash township and is interested widely in other real estate.

Mr. Wallace's public service, too, has continued to honor him since his removal to Temperance. He is assessor for the school district, and has served both as clerk and as treasurer of Bedford township.

Samuel Wallace's estimable wife, to whom he was wedded October 24, 1888, was formerly Miss Olive S. McLaughlin, born on July 29, 1868, in Ash township, the birthplace also of her father. Mrs. Wallace's parents now reside in Carleton. The younger generation of the Wallace family of Temperance consists of three sons, Spalding N. and Loinal and Lee, born respectively in August, 1894 and 1896. They attended the Monroe high school and have been students at Hillsdale College.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are identified with the Baptist church of Temperance and are ever active and enthusiastic promoters of all that tends to further its welfare. Not only in financial support, but in such work as Sunday-school teaching both are of valued assistance.

Fraternally Samuel Wallace is a member of the Eutopia lodge, number 398 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In political affiliation he is a Republican. He and his wife are in many ways most important members of the community, their council and influence having that worth which is based on fair judgment and broad acquaintance with both material facts and the less tangible elements of character.

NORMAN J. LASKEY. In every large community the various lines of endeavor are represented, their importance being governed by the consequence of the locality and their success by the ability of their managers. Monroe county, Michigan, is a great farming community, and lands are still being opened and developed by agriculturists from this and other states; hence the business of Norman J. Laskey, purchaser and developer of and dealer in farm lands, at Milan. Mr. Laskey spent many years in farming, and is an authority on soil, climatic and crop conditions, and his progressive and enterprising methods have caused him to become recognized as one of the leading business citizens of his

native county. He was born in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, March 4, 1866, and is a son of John Laskey, a native of Devonshire, England, and a member of an old and honored Devonshire family. John Laskey came to the United States with his parents and settled in Michigan, three miles north of Toledo, Ohio, being there married to Ann Quelch, who was born in Michigan of English parents. John Laskey engaged in farming and developed a good property in Bedford township, but eventually retired from active labor and removed to Temperance, where he spent his last days and died at the age of eighty-one years. His widow still survives and is seventy-five years of age, a well-known and highly esteemed woman and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She and her husband had a family of seven children, namely: George, now deceased; Norman J.; Eaton; Melvin C.; Mrs. Melissa McClellan; Mrs. Minerva Dix, and Gertrude, the wife of the Rev. Galloway, a Baptist minister of Monroe county.

Norman J. Laskey was reared to agricultural pursuits, and obtained his education in the district schools of Bedford township, subsequently attending the high and normal schools, and engaging in teaching for three years. At the age of twenty-six years he was married to Miss Mabel Auten, a lady of refined tastes and of an old and honored family, daughter of John M. Auten, an early settler of Milan township. Following his marriage, Mr. Laskey spent five years in the dairy business near Toledo, Ohio, being very successful therein, but at the end of that period returned to agricultural pursuits, and settled on the old homestead farm of John M. Auten, in Milan township, which he improved and made one of the best farms in the county. In the spring of 1912 he sold this property for \$34,000, but still retains a fine tract of 110 acres, which is well equipped with all modern improvements. He now lives in a handsome residence in the village of Milan, where he is engaged in the business of buying and improving farms. He has made a decided success of his operations, and is recognized as a business man of ability and progressive spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Laskey have had two sons: Grant, a graduate of the Milan high school, and now employed in the Milan bank; and Linn, who is still attending high school. Mr. Laskey is a Republican in his views, and has served seven years as a member of the county board of supervisors. He belongs to Milan lodge of Odd Fellows and to Milan blue lodge and Chapter of Masons, and to the Commandery and Shrine at Detroit, in all of which he is immensely popular. Mr. Laskey may well be ranked among those to whom the credit for the growth and development of Monroe county belongs, and also holds prestige as one who has aided his community while prospering in his personal affairs. He and his family have numerous friends in Milan, and although they have made their home in the village but a short time are already well known in social circles.

WILLIAM TRETZEL BRUCKNER is one of the young men of Monroe in whom that city takes especial pride. In what ever position he has been placed, he has met every requirement from the time when he was graduated from the Monroe high school, with honor, to the present

time, when we find him near the head of one of the largest and strongest financial institutions of the United States, as vice-president of the Continental & Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

Mr. Bruckner was born in Monroe, August 4, 1869, his parents being George W. Bruckner, formerly a prominent hardware merchant in Monroe, and Ann Eliza Spaulding Bruckner, who was a daughter of D. O. Spaulding of Monroe, Michigan. William T. went to Chicago in 1890 and entered the employ of Wells & Nellegar Company, where he remained for a year and a half. The opportunity was offered at that time to enter the Commercial National Bank of Chicago, which he accepted, and in various capacities from a subordinate to one of its most trusted officials, he remained with this great bank. In 1910 a consolidation of this bank with the Continental National Bank, another of the great financial institutions of Chicago, was consummated and Mr. Bruckner was chosen one of the vice-presidents of the new bank, which was named the Continental & Commercial National Bank. His standing in business circles in Chicago is very high, and the commissions of confidence and importance that are continually placed in his hands by the directors of the bank is eloquent expression of their estimation.

Mr. Bruckner is married; his wife was Miss Edith Alexander of Dayton, Ohio, having been married May 25, 1911, at Santa Barbara, California. They maintain their home at No. 5532 Everett avenue, Chicago.

In addition to the vice-presidency of the Continental and Commercial National Bank, Mr. Bruckner is also president of the Cicero State Bank of Hawthorne, Illinois, director of the Lake View Trust & Savings Bank and the Northwest State Bank of Chicago. He is a member of the Chicago Bankers Club, the South Shore Country Club, Hinsdale Golf Club, Chicago Athletic Association, the Theatre Club, Motoring Clubs and a member of the Art Institute.

Mr. Bruckner is a Republican in politics; though never active, he is loyal to his party's principles and a supporter of its candidates. He is a member of the Congregational church and a liberal contributor to its support.

The foregoing facts have been culled from "Who's Who in Finance" from "The Book of Chicagoans," and it is with a measure of pride that the publishers print the record of a most capable and trustworthy young man who is a product of Monroe, and who, it is fair to predict, has not yet reached the pinnacle of his success.

WILLIAM H. BRACKETT. A residence covering a period of more than forty years, during which time he has been intimately associated with the agricultural interests of Monroe county, and assisted materially in its development and growth, has given William H. Brackett, one of the leading farmers of Summerfield township, an important position among the old settlers of this part of the state, and he is everywhere recognized as a man of sterling integrity and true worth of character. Like many of his fellow-citizens in Monroe county, Mr. Brackett is a product of the East, having been born in Lynn, Massachusetts, April 14, 1840, a

son of Edwin and Mary (Dodge) Brackett, and a grandson of Desiah Brackett, also a native of the Bay State.

William H. Brackett received his education in the schools of his native state, and as a young man went to Pittsford, Vermont, from whence he enlisted, August 2, 1862, in Company C, Tenth Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry, serving with the Army of the Potomac until he received his honorable discharge and was mustered out of the service at the close of the Civil war, having gained an enviable reputation as a brave and faithful defender of his country's flag. He then returned to Vermont, where he was married shortly afterward, and took up the vocation of an agriculturist, but in 1870 came to Adrian, Michigan, and in the following year bought land in Summerfield township, Monroe county, where he has continued to reside to the present time. He is the owner of a finely-cultivated tract of 130 acres, carries on general farming, and has a good income, to which is added the pension given him by a grateful government in recognition of his faithful services during the dark days of the war between the states. In his political views he is a Republican, but public life has held out no attractions for him, he being content to devote his entire attention to cultivating his land and to play the part simply of a good and public-spirited citizen.

On February 13, 1867, Mr. Brackett was married to Miss Ellen Chittenden, who is a descendant of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in the United States. The Chittenden family traces its ancestry directly back to William Chittenden, who was born near London, England, and left his native country May 20, 1639, arriving in America about July 10th, of the same year. His son, Thomas Chittenden, was born in England, and married Joannah Jordan, and among their children was Ebenezer Chittenden, who was born in 1699, and died in 1756. His son, Gov. Thomas Chittenden, was the first governor of Vermont, an office which he held from 1778 until within one year of his death, and Truman Chittenden, son of the governor, had a son Henry, who married Lydia Hallock. Among the children of this latter couple was Hiram B. Chittenden, who married Salome B. Andrews, they becoming the parents of Ellen Chittenden, the wife of Mr. Brackett, who was born July 20, 1845, in London, Monroe county, Michigan. The family first settled in London in 1832, Henry Chittenden having migrated thence from Vermont, but about 1846, Mrs. Brackett was taken back to Pittsford, Vermont, where she grew to womanhood. Mrs. Brackett's father died January 31, 1900, and her mother, May 12, 1886, they having been the parents of two children: Ellen, and Charles, who was born September 11, 1849, and died March 22, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Brackett have two children: Mary E., a graduate of the State Normal school at Ypsilanti, who for some years was engaged in teaching; and Annie W., wife of Charles N. Wadsworth, of Summerfield township, and the mother of seven children.

GEORGE LANGDON has retired from active farming operations, but he was identified with that industry a sufficient number of years in Ida township to win recognition among the prominent farmers of the township and county. He was born in Ida, on August 1, 1851, and is the

son of Nathaniel and Mary A. (Knowles) Langdon, both natives of the state of New York. The father was born in Dutchess county, that state, on June 18, 1810, and the mother in Tioga county, on June 6, 1812. Their marriage occurred in Thompson county, New York, on September 15, 1835. The young couple migrated from New York state a few years after their marriage, making the trip overland in a lumber wagon; they arrived in Frenchtown township in November, 1847, and remained there for one year, coming to Ida township in 1848, which place represented his home and the scene of his farming activities until his death. He was one of the twelve men who organized the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Monroe and Wayne counties, and was a director of the company for many years. In 1849 he was elected to the office of supervisor of Ada township, and so well did he perform the duties of that office that he was returned at every successive election for a period of twenty-seven years. In 1864 he was elected to the state senate, serving a two year term, and previous to his removal from his native town in New York, he served a term as deputy sheriff of Thompson county. He died in Ida township on August 1, 1889, and the wife and mother passed away some years prior to that event, her death occurring on November 24, 1882. Mr. Langdon was a Democrat and was ever prominent in the party, bearing his full share of the burdens, as well as some of the honors that came as a result of his activity in party matters. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They became the parents of five children, of whom two are living at this writing (1912). Anna is the wife of Delos Miner, and they are residents of Jackson, Michigan. George, of this review, is the one remaining son.

Until he was about eighteen years old, George Langdon attended the district schools of his native town, after which he turned his attention to the farming industry and became one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of the township. In 1871, on the 23d day of December, he married Miss Abbie Hassinger, who was born in Union, Pennsylvania, on November 27, 1845. She came with her parents to Sandusky county, Ohio, as a child, and there she attended school, receiving a sufficient education to make it possible for her to engage in teaching, and she was thus employed for some little time, gaining much credit for the able work she performed in the line of her duties. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Langdon. Stephen H. was born May 8, 1873, and he is one of the most highly educated young men known to this section of the country. His graduation from the Monroe high school was followed by his graduation from the University of Michigan, the Union Seminary in New York City and Columbia University, from which latter he won a scholarship to Paris, France. He studied there for two years, receiving credits to Leipzig, Germany, and is now engaged as a professor of Archaeology and Comparative Philology in Oxford University in England. He is a linguist of unusual order, speaking eighteen different languages fluently.

William, the other surviving child, was born on January 9, 1876. He married Esther Dentel, and they have one child, Katharine Abbie. They are residents of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Langdon are members of the Methodist Episcopal

church of Lulu, Michigan, and he is a member of the board of trustees. They have been active in all the good works of the church for years and are among its most valued members. In his political persuasion, Mr. Langdon is a Democrat, and he has always taken an active part in township and county politics. He has served his township as clerk and supervisor on various occasions, and his son, Stephen, was commissioner of schools of Monroe county for two terms. His life, on the whole, has been one whose influence has been of a distinctly progressive turn, and now that he has retired from actual farming operations, he is still reckoned among the leaders in his community.

JOSIAH M. ELDER. Among men everywhere there must always be leaders. Persons not naturally demonstrative to too great a degree, with a high regard for the rights of others, and possessing proper ideas as to the best means of advancing the interests of their communities, are doubtless best fitted for leadership. They do not always attain to that position, but when they do their very character serves as a guarantee that the tasks intrusted to them will be well and faithfully performed, and that portion of the world which comes under their influence will be bettered in its conditions because of their services. An acknowledged leader in the business, social and political life of Petersburg, Monroe county, is Josiah M. Elder, retired merchant and farmer, veteran of the Civil war, president of the village board of trustees and self-made man, who was born in Wood county, Ohio, January 1, 1848, a son of John and Mary (Morehouse) Elder.

Joseph Elder, the grandfather of Josiah M., was of Scotch birth, and came to the United States at an early day, settling in Pennsylvania, where his son John was born in 1805. The latter removed to Perrysburg, Ohio, in 1825, was there married and spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits in Wood county. He was a prominent and influential Republican, served in various minor township and county offices, and for some time was sheriff of Wood county. He was the father of seven children, four daughters and three sons, the latter all serving in the Union army during the Civil war, and one, Martin Elder, losing his life in battle. In 1912, five of the children were still living.

Josiah M. Elder was the youngest of the family, and was reared on his father's farm, attending the district schools until he was fifteen years of age, at which time he enlisted in Company E, 179th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war in the Twenty-third Army Corps, under the command of General Thomas, and participating in numerous engagements, including the battles of Nashville and Franklin. On his return to Wood county, Ohio, the young soldier resumed the occupation of a farmer, and remained in his native community until 1867, at which time he came to visit his sisters, who had preceded him to Monroe county, Michigan. A penniless youth, he possessed the far more valuable capital of brains, energy and perseverance, and, seeing the opportunities offered him, settled down to make a place for himself among his new community's substantial men. For twenty years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Dundee township, but subsequently disposed of the farm which he had cleared

there and moved to Petersburg, embarking in the clothing business under the firm name of J. M. Elder & Son. He also owns twenty acres of land in Summerfield township, and in 1902 erected what is known as the Elder Block, at the corner of Saline and Center streets in Petersburg. He has been prominent in Grand Army circles, at present serving his fourteenth year as commander of Morgan Parker Post No. 281, and was appointed by the board of supervisors to look after the Soldiers and Sailors Burial Fund. In politics a stalwart Republican, he has been justice of the peace for one term, and at present is acting in the capacity of president of the village board.

On July 4, 1868, Mr. Elder was united in marriage with Miss Emily Trumble, and five children were born to this union: Ada M., the wife of Robert Rowe, of Western Ohio; Alfred O., a prominent clothier of Petersburg, who was for many years his father's partner; Rev. Martin P., a Methodist Episcopal minister of the state of Washington, who enlisted as a private in Company D, Thirty-fifth Michigan Volunteers, during the Spanish-American war, and was promoted to the rank of quartermaster; and Ellen and Edward E., who are single and reside at home. Mrs. Elder died March 2, 1889, and on September 25, 1890, Mr. Elder was married to Mary Lister, who was born and reared in Michigan. Two children have been born to them: Elma A., born in 1900; and George J., March 9, 1902.

Mr. Elder is conceded to be one of the foremost and most influential men of his community. From his long association with public and business affairs in Monroe county, he has been familiar with the various stages of its development, and in no small measure is the present condition of the county due to his active interest and energetic management of matters within his own field of labor.

THOMAS C. ALCOCK. The realty interests of any wide-awake, progressive community are very valuable, and those engaged in the development and upbuilding of various sections are not only advancing their own affairs, but are proving public benefactors. One of the live men of Monroe county who is engaged in this line of work is Thomas C. Alcock, of Petersburg, who is also carrying on farming and possesses the peculiar talents that are necessary to make up the successful auctioneer. Mr. Alcock was born on a farm in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, August 9, 1864, and is a son of William and Ann (Midwinter) Alcock.

William Alcock was born February 2, 1828, in Gloucestershire, England, and died August 30, 1878, while his wife, who was born December 10, 1829, survived until November 3, 1904. They were the parents of a family of five children, of whom four are living, namely: Anna E., who is the wife of A. J. Shepherd; Eliza A., the wife of Arthur Bunst, of Temperance, Michigan; Mary A., the wife of Ed Sellick, of Toledo, Ohio; and Thomas C.

Thomas C. Alcock was reared to agricultural pursuits, his boyhood being spent on a farm in Bedford township, where he attended the district schools until he was about fourteen years of age. At that time the death of his father made it necessary that he assist in the support of the

family, and he took charge of the home farm, continuing as its superintendent until his mother's demise in 1904, when he began operating his own farm, a tract of sixty-five acres, located in section 8, Bedford township. In addition to carrying on general farming, he has dealt extensively in contracting, being well informed as to realty values in Monroe county, and is a popular auctioneer, having for many years carried on successful sales in various parts of the county. In political matters a Republican, he served one year as highway commissioner of Bedford township, and in various ways has helped to promote and carry to a successful conclusion movements calculated to be of benefit to his community. He holds a preacher's license in the Wesleyan Methodist church, is superintendent of the Bedford township Sunday school, and is known as an active and faithful church worker.

On August 30, 1885, Mr. Alcock was united in marriage with Miss Eva M. Sellick, who was born in Coldwater, Branch county, Michigan, October 20, 1861, the daughter of Joel Sellick. She received her education in the public and district schools of her native vicinity, and is a lady of culture and refinement. Mr. and Mrs. Alcock have a family of five children, namely: Mabel, who was born June 24, 1886; Susie, born September 11, 1888; Earl, born in Toledo, Ohio, July 3, 1893; Charley, born March 12, 1903, and Helen, born September 3, 1906. The children are being given good educational advantages, fitting them for whatever position awaits them in life, and are being well brought up to habits of industry and integrity. The family is well known throughout this part of the county, where its members all have many warm personal friends.

EDWIN E. NOGAR, of the firm of R. H. Nogar & Son, blacksmiths and stone road contractors, of Temperance, Monroe county, Michigan, is classed among the representative citizens of his town.

Mr. Nogar is a native of the Empire State. He was born at Campbelltown, Steuben county, New York, February 25, 1861, son of R. H. and Ruth (Reed) Nogar, both of New York birth. R. H. Nogar was born in Schoharie county, July 6, 1835; his wife, born in 1838, died in 1892. A few years after their marriage, which took place in Steuben county, they moved to Niagara county, New York, and from there, in March, 1875, came to Michigan, settling at Carlton, Monroe county, whence they subsequently moved to Dundee, Michigan, and still later came from there to Temperance. For a number of years he was engaged in lumbering and also worked at the trade of millwright, but for the past several years he has been associated with his son in the business above indicated. He is the father of six children—Mariah, wife of C. H. Bodine; Edwin E., the direct subject of this sketch; P. W., who married Miss Nina Hunkaford, and lives in Toledo, Ohio; Corey, who has been twice married, first to Amy Merritt, and, second, to Emma Gee; Mertie, wife of J. Abby, and Arthur, whose first wife, Peral (Thorn) Nogar, is deceased, and whose second wife is Florence Heckle.

When the Nogar family came to Michigan, Edwin E. was fourteen years of age. He had attended school in New York, and after their removal to this state he went to school for a time at Carlton. His educational advantages, however, were limited, for at an early age he began

to assist his father in the mill. Returning east, he worked for a time in the oil fields. Then he came back to Michigan and learned the blacksmith trade at Detroit, subsequently working at his trade at Dundee and other places. Finally, in 1902, he took up his abode at Temperance, where he is associated with his father.

In August, 1888, Mr. Nogar and Miss Mary E. Newsome were united in marriage. Mrs. Nogar is a native of Detroit, Michigan, born January 16, 1862, and, like her husband, is quiet and unassuming. Having no children of their own, they adopted a child, June 12, 1902,—Clayton A., son of Mr. Nogar's brother Arthur.

Mr. Nogar is a member in good standing of Samaria Lodge, No. 438, A. F. & A. M., and his vote at the polls is straight Republican. He has never been active in politics nor has he aspired to public office.

DAVID H. HOOVER, who operates a farm of 220 acres in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, is well known throughout the county as a breeder of fine stock. As a prosperous farmer and stock man and as one of the leading citizens of his community, personal mention of him fits naturally into the biographical record of the men and women of his day and place.

David H. Hoover was born in Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, May 20, 1867, son of Isaac and Sarah (Rauch) Hoover, the former a native of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, the latter of Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan. Mrs. Sarah Hoover is still living, a resident of this county. In their family are five children: Allen, David H., Franklin, Samuel and Jacob.

Mr. Hoover's father being a farmer, he early became familiar with all kinds of farm work, and on reaching man's estate chose this line of occupation for his life work. While carrying on general farming and stock raising, he specializes on the breeding of Holstein cattle, keeping high grade stock, all registered, his herd at this time numbering forty-six head.

Mr. Hoover has been twice married. His first wife, who before her marriage was Minnie Pickard, died in February, 1905, leaving five children, all still living: Keith, Burr, Irma, Letha and Coy. For his second wife he married Miss Catharine Roe, by whom he has two children, Dorothy and Carlisle.

Upright and honorable in his dealings and withal possessing a pleasing personality, Mr. Hoover enjoys high standing in the estimation of his fellow citizens. He is aligned with the principles of the Republican party, and cast his first presidential vote for Pres. Benj. Harrison.

EDWARD H. HUBBARD. Mr. Hubbard's forefathers have been among the makers of Michigan, his paternal grandfather, Joel Hubbard having come to Michigan from Canada at a very early date, at which time he kept a hotel at Erie in this state; and his maternal grandfather, Levi Lewis, had settled near Erie in 1832, later buying two hundred acres of land in Bedford township at \$3.00 per acre. Anna Lewis, daughter of the latter, was married to Joel Hubbard, father of the subject of this narrative, and three children were born to them, of whom two—

Charles and Edward—are still living. The natal day of Edward H. Hubbard was November 17, 1862, and his birthplace was the farm which he now owns and on which he resides. As he grew from childhood to man's estate he mingled a filial apprenticeship to agricultural pursuits with an attitude of interest toward educational matters. After completing his attendance at the district school, he pursued further study in Toledo, Ohio.

Believing that no life work could be so congenial to him as that time honored vocation which lies in God's out-of-doors, he began farming, winning as his companion Miss Blanche Weeks, to whom he was united on January 4, 1884. She was the daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Kirkland) Weeks, both originally of New York state; they were the parents of eight children, of whom six are living at the time of the compilation of this volume. Like her husband, Mrs. Hubbard was brought up amid the surroundings of a farm home and her education was pursued in the Monroe county schools.

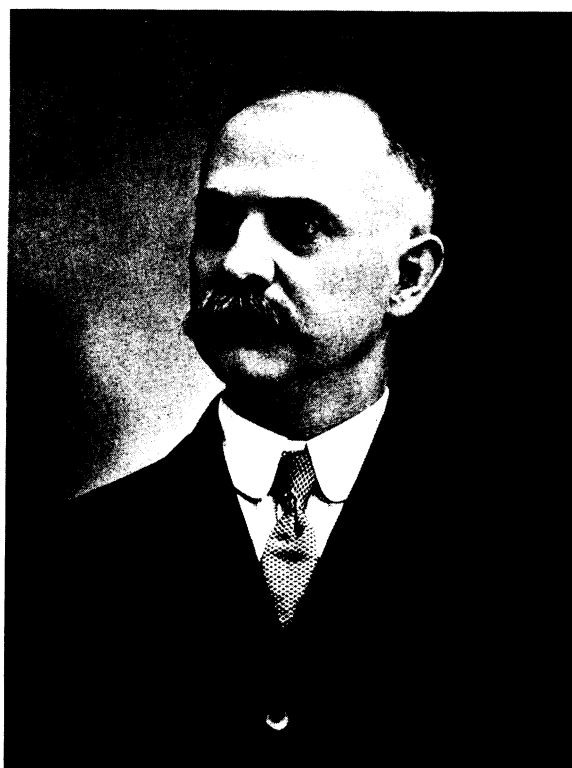
The children of this family were four in number, of whom three—all sons—are still living. Joel, who was born on August 28, 1889, is a graduate of the district school and is now engaged as a laborer; Roy E., born May 6, 1893, after passing from the eighth grade of the common schools, spent three years in the high school of Monroe; Winfred, born November 30, 1894, is also a graduate from the eighth grade of the district school, and now a student in the third year, Monroe high school. Sammie, the second son, died aged 9 years.

The son Joel is a member of the Masonic lodge at Samaria. In politics, Mr. Hubbard claims allegiance to the Democratic party, though he is not strenuously active in political affairs. He and his wife are both affable and highly respected and the modern home which graces their farm is an attractive place. Their property of eighty acres lies in section 2 of Bedford township.

GEORGE R. KINNEY, the genial and obliging postmaster of Temperance, Michigan, was born on his father's farm in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, September 10, 1866, son of Isaac and Elnor (Elliott) Kinney, and one of a family of five children, namely: Malissa, wife of Albert Collins of Bedford township; William of Temperance; Henry, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Elliott of Bedford township, and George R.

George R. remained on the farm, working for his father until he reached his twenty-third year, his educational advantages being limited to the district schools of the neighborhood, which he attended till he was about sixteen. On leaving the farm, he came to Temperance and engaged in general merchandising, which he has continued up to the present time, and in connection with which he has also conducted a fire insurance business.

He has always been an active Republican, prominent in local affairs, and has filled several minor offices, including those of township clerk and treasurer. He was appointed to the position of postmaster of Temperance in 1890, and his long term of service, covering a period of twenty-two years, is evidence of faithfulness and efficiency.



WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT

Mr. Kinney married, September 15, 1886, Miss Salina I. Cowell, a native of Lucas county, Ohio, born March 27, 1862; and they are the parents of four children: Myrtle M., clerk in the post office; and Opal F., Gladys R. and Irvin W.

Fraternally, Mr. Kinney is identified with Lambertville Lodge, No. 467, I. O. O. F., and also has membership in the Encampment of that place.

WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT. As one of the representative merchants of his native city of Monroe, where he is engaged in the dry-goods business, Mr. Schmidt is well entitled to consideration in this publication, in which is accorded specific recognition of a large number of the leading business men of Monroe county. Mr. Schmidt has won success through his own well ordered efforts and his entire business career has been one of close identification with mercantile interests in Monroe, while he has so directed his course as to merit and receive the unqualified confidence and esteem of the people of his native county, and has in various ways given evidence of his progressive and civic spirit and his loyal interest in public affairs of a local order.

Mr. Schmidt was born in the city of Monroe on the 26th of June, 1862, and is a son of Michael J. and Mary (Beck) Schmidt, of whose six children he was the second in order of birth. Of the other children, three sons and one daughter are now living. Michael J. Schmidt was born and reared in Germany, where he received good educational advantages and where he also served an apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter. Soon after his emigration from Germany to America, he came to Michigan and established his home in Monroe, where he was engaged in the carpenter business for some time. He continued to be thus occupied until his death, which took place when he was but forty-nine years of age. His devoted wife, who survived him for some years and died at the age of sixty-one, was also a native of Germany, and a daughter of George Beck, who came from Germany in young manhood and became numbered among the pioneer farmers of Monroe county. He secured a farm three miles south of the city of Monroe, and there he died about a year after he had located, his wife surviving him by a number of years, and dying at the age of ninety years in Monroe. Joseph Schmidt, the paternal grandfather of the subject, died in Germany when he was sixty-five years of age, and the grandmother came to America with her son, Michael. She died in Monroe, after having reached the age of eighty-four years. Both were devout members of the German Lutheran church, as were also the parents of Mr. Schmidt of this review.

William F. Schmidt gained his rudimentary education in the Lutheran parochial schools of Monroe and later availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of Monroe. Thereafter he was identified with the work of the home farm for a year, at the expiration of which time he returned to Monroe and secured a position as clerk in the mercantile establishment of John M. Bulkley, in whose employ he continued for five years. During the ensuing eighteen years after his association with Mr. Bulkley, he was first a valued and popular salesman in the dry-goods

store of Edward J. Lauer. Mr. Schmidt severed his connection with the firm in 1898 and entered into an association with Mr. I. S. Harrington, under the firm name of Harrington & Schmidt. The firm conducted a prosperous business on Monroe street, dry-goods, carpets and ready to wear garments, etc., constituting their stock. They remained for five years in that location, then moved to their present location, and in 1910 Mr. Schmidt purchased the interest of his partner in the business, and he has since continued with his two eldest sons as his popular and efficient associates in the work. The well appointed store of the firm of W. D. Schmidt & Sons is situated at 11 Washington street, in a substantial three story brick building, 24 by 150 feet in dimensions. The first floor and a portion of the second floor are utilized for the accommodation of the stock and business of the firm of W. F. Schmidt & Sons, the remainder of the second floor being the quarters of the city library, while the third floor is devoted to lodge rooms of various fraternal organizations. The firm of which Mr. Schmidt is the executive head controls a large and substantial trade and caters to a representative and appreciative patronage. The stock in all lines is maintained at a high standard and the establishment has a high reputation for effective service and for fair and honorable dealings. The brief record here incorporated bears evidence that Mr. Schmidt has been one of the world's productive workers, and his substantial success has been the direct result of his own efforts, as he began his business career with a merely nominal capital, and that earned by himself. Close application and careful business methods have marked his course, and his sterling attributes of character have given him secure place in popular confidence and esteem.

In politics Mr. Schmidt is found arrayed as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and while he has never been ambitious for public office, he has often been approached with propositions of that nature, all of which he has declined. He and his family are communicants of Trinity Lutheran church and he is a liberal and zealous supporter of the various departments of church work, both general and local. He is treasurer of the Aid Association for Lutherans, which maintains its official headquarters at Appleton, Wisconsin, and for twelve years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the Altenheim.

On May 22, 1889, Mr. Schmidt was united in marriage with Miss Frederica Naegel, who was born and reared in Monroe county, and who is the adopted daughter of the late Karl Naegel, one of the highly honored citizens of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have four children: Harold F., Walter H., Clara W. and William H. All of the children have been given excellent educational advantages and the two elder sons are associated with their father in business, as already noted in a previous paragraph. The family home is located at No. 356 Washington street, and is known for its generous and unostentatious hospitality.

DWIGHT W. SORTOR. Very rarely is a young man of the present generation gifted with the patience to undertake the task of winning

a farm for his own solely through his unaided efforts and by means of his slowly gathering savings. The modern habit of rushing into salaried positions was fortunately less general at the time when Monroe county was settled. Among her faithful and persevering knights of the plow is Dwight W. Sortor, the owner of 140 acres of fine land, all of which has come into his possession through his own efforts, save a small amount left him by his father. Elisha Sortor was a native of New York state, who transferred his home to Dundee, Michigan, when a young man, and who married Elmira Taughton of Monroe county, Michigan. Their children are six in number, four of them having survived their parents. One daughter, Martha, is the wife of John Lord; another, Emma, is Mrs. Ben Herington, of Sac, California; George, a son, is also married, and is a resident of New York; the details of the life of Dwight Sortor, who was born October 29, 1855, will be noted at length.

His juvenile years were spent in Dundee, where he doubtless knew all the joys and sorrows that are the universal experience of a free-hearted American boy's existence. His school years in the district institutions of learning were extended to his eighteenth year. From then until he was twenty he worked as a farm assistant, with his father as his employer, thus enjoying the comforts of home, granting his parents the satisfaction of his society, and at the same time saving his earnings as well as gathering experience. When he began farming independently he founded a home, over which Miss Phoebe Grassley, a native of Lenawee county, Michigan, consented to preside as Mrs. Sortor. Her birth and her education in the rural schools had taken place in the same locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Sortor are the parents of one son, Claude B., who in 1883, was married to Miss Pearl Clink of Logansport, Indiana.

The subject of our sketch is a Republican in theory and practice, although he disclaims any predilection for political arguments or for office-seeking. He is an esteemed member of the K. O. T. M., in which organization he carries insurance. Modest and retiring by nature, Mr. Sortor is marked by the valuable qualities of the quiet and intentionally inconspicuous citizen, who wins and deserves universal respect.

HARVEY R. VENIA, proprietor of a general store at Temperance, Michigan, has been identified with the business activities of this prosperous little town for half a dozen years and is ranked with its leading citizens.

Mr. Venia hails from the Buckeye State. He was born in Wood county, Ohio, November 17, 1877, son of Frank H. and Harriette E. (Johnston) Venia, and is one of a family of five children, four of whom are living at this writing (1912). His elder sister, Carrie, is the wife of William Alexander, and his younger sister, Edith, is Mrs. James McCready, both of Wood county, Ohio. His brother, Frank E., also is a resident of that county, as is their mother. Their father is deceased.

Harvey R. Venia spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, working in the fields in summer and in winter attending district school. He pursued a commercial course at Steadman's Business College in Toledo,

Ohio, and he had some practical business experience in Ohio before coming to Michigan and establishing himself in a general store at Temperance, Monroe county, which he did in March, 1906. Here he bought the stock and good will of A. H. King, and for six years has conducted a successful business. In addition to his interests here, Mr. Venia owns forty acres of choice land in his native county.

Mr. Venia has a wife and three children, Francis H., Cecil M. and Iva M., aged, respectively, five, three and two years. Mrs. Venia, formerly Miss Lyda M. Montri, was born and reared in Whiteford township, Monroe county, Michigan, and it was here, June 28, 1905, that they were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Venia are members of the St. Joseph Catholic church at Erie, Michigan. In his political views he harmonizes with the Democratic party, but he has never taken any active part in politics. He carries insurance in the K. O. T. M. As a conservative business man of honest worth, with the best interests of Temperance always in view, he enjoys the confidence of the people of the town and surrounding country.

ARGUS J. KINNEY, proprietor of "Oak Grove Farm" in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, and a professional auctioneer, is well known throughout the county and beyond its limits. A brief outline of his life history is pertinent in this connection, and is as follows:

Argus J. Kinney was born at Temperance, Monroe county, Michigan, March 15, 1865, son of Israel and Merceana (Osgood) Kinney, the former now deceased. The Kinney family is composed of four sons, Arthur O., Arlton I., Argus J. and S. K., all of Bedford township, except the last named, who is a resident of Hillsdale, Michigan.

On his father's farm just west of the village of Temperance, Argus J. passed his boyhood days, assisting in the work of the farm and until he was twenty-one attending district school. On reaching his majority, he left the old home and launched out in agricultural pursuits on his own responsibility. Oak Grove Farm, his present home, one of the attractive places of Bedford township, comprises eighty acres of choice land, and the care and cultivation it receives stamp its owner as an up-to-date, hustling man. Since 1906 he has supplemented his farm work with that of auctioneering, for which he is naturally and particularly adapted, being a fluent, entertaining talker, and having a keen insight into human nature. During the sale season he has numerous engagements in this line of work in various parts of the country.

November 2, 1890, Mr. Kinney married Miss Janet A. Whyte, a native of Toledo, Ohio, who was born January 20, 1865, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Whyte, the former a native of Greenoch, Scotland; the latter of London, England. From the time they came to the United States until April, 1865, Mr. and Mrs. Whyte made their home in Toledo. Then they moved to Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, where, some years later, he died, and where she still lives, making her home with her daughter. Mrs. Kinney died June, 1912. Mrs. Kinney was the second born in a family of four children, the others being Robert, Arthur L. and Jessie G., all married and settled in life.

Mrs. Kinney was educated in the schools of Monroe county and the Normal School of Valparaiso, Indiana, and previous to her marriage was a teacher in this county. Both she and Mr. Kinney are active church workers, belonging to the Baptist church, in which he is a deacon, and in the Sunday school of which he has served five years as superintendent. Mrs. Kinney is vice-president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, and in the Sunday school she has been a teacher for twenty-nine years. Politically, Mr. Kinney is a prohibitionist. In 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Kinney took a trip abroad, visiting Scotland and England, being absent from home three months.

FRANKLIN G. JACKMAN. A prominent figure among Bedford township's well-to-do and up-to-date agriculturists is Franklin G. Jackman. His energy and executive ability as well as his open-mindedness toward all progressive ideas that are rational, have been conducive to both his material success and his personal popularity. He was born on April 15, 1850, in Syracuse, New York, of English parentage; both his father James and grandfather Thos. Jackman, and his mother, who was Ann Stoil Jackman, having been born in Devonshire, England. His parents came after their marriage to America, settling in June, 1849, at West Toledo, which was their home during the remainder of their lives. Four of their six children, of whom Franklin Jackman of Bedford township is one, still survive them.

The subject of this biography spent most of his childhood and early youth in West Toledo, Ohio, and lived most of his school days, as does the typical country lad, in the district school. That which he attended, the Hopewell school, being distinguished as one of the best of its class at that period. At the age of twenty he became interested in the farming possibilities of Bedford and determined to make his home in that township, a decision which he has never had serious reason to regret. He further evinced his loyalty to this community by winning as his help-meet Miss Caroline G. Powlesland, a young lady of Bedford township and the daughter of William and Jane (Mortimer) Powlesland. Her natal day was June 18, 1851; her birthplace in Monroe county; and her educational facilities those of Bedford township. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackman six children have been born, of whom three have grown to maturity and are living at the time of this history's publication. Bessie A. is the wife of Edward Brock; Alice G. is now Mrs. Henry White, and William P., who is still single, resides at home with his parents.

Mr. Jackman is especially popular in the socially fraternal circles. He is a member of the Lambertville Lodge, No. 467, I. O. O. F. and has passed all the chair numbers of the Encampment. Both he and Mrs. Jackman are members of the Rebecca Lodge, in which she has also passed all chairs. Politically Franklin Jackman is a Republican, of safe and sound principles. He has given his district efficient service as a capable and active road-master.

The 160 acres of the Jackman property are in flourishing condition; it consists of forty acres in section 5 and eighty acres in section 32 of this

township. An excellent overland automobile has proved both a profitable investment in a business way, because of its time saving quality, and is besides a source of much enjoyment to this family. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman believe that life on the farm need not lack either material, intellectual or social advantages and refinements. They are both people of attractive individuality and enjoy the esteem of a host of friends.

FRANK G. BRUNT, vice-president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance of Monroe and Wayne counties, is one of the representative citizens of his locality. He lives in a pleasant home in the village of Samaria, and divides his time between the insurance business and his farming interests, being the owner of one hundred acres of land in section 9, Bedford township.

While Mr. Brunt is a native of England, his identity with this country dates back into his childhood. It was in Somersetshire, England, November 14, 1856, that he was born, son of William and Honor (Miller) Brunt, who were born, reared and married there. In 1865 the Brunt family set sail for America, and selected a place near Samaria in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, for their future home. Here the parents spent the rest of their lives. The father died in April, 1886; the mother preceded him in 1873. In their family were ten children, of whom eight are now living, seven being residents of Monroe county, Michigan.

Frank G. had attended school a few years in England before their removal to this country, and after their location here he spent several winters attending public school; otherwise his boyhood was passed in assisting his father with the farm work.

Mr. Brunt was married when he was twenty years of age, February 14, 1876, to Miss Emma Baldwin, a native of New York state who came, when ten years old, with her parents to Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, where she was reared. She bore him five children, of whom three are now living: Bertha, wife of George Verdon, and Charles and Gertrude at home. This wife and mother having died October 18, 1910, Mr. Brunt married Catharine Ansted, his present companion.

Politically, Mr. Brunt is a Republican. While quiet and unassuming in manner, he has always taken an active and commendable interest in local affairs, exerting an influence that has been felt for good in the community. He was the choice of the Republicans of his township for justice of the peace, and is now serving in that capacity. His election to the office of vice-president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance of Monroe and Wayne counties was without solicitation on his part. For years he has served as one of the directors of the company, and as vice-president he is chairman of the board of auditors of Monroe county, and as a director he looks after the insurance of Bedford township.

Mr. Brunt and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Samaria, of which he is a trustee, and in the Sunday school of which he has long been an active worker, having taught a class for twenty-eight years.

CLARENCE E. JANNEY successfully combines the vocation of a farmer with that of an undertaker. His excellent farm of sixty acres lies in section 30 of Bedford township and his ability as a licensed embalmer of Lambertville is well known. He and his wife are the fortunate parents of a promising family of goodly number and they exert a notably beneficial influence in the vicinity. Mr. Janney's birthplace was in Bedford township, where he first saw the light of day on August 31, 1869. His parents were Elwood and Almeda (Allen) Janney, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and New York states. Elwood Janney enlisted from Monroe county in Company K of the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteers and remained in the service until the close of the war. Of his ten children, the subject of this sketch is the second. Mr. Clarence Janney's brothers and sisters are: Cora F., widow of Hugh C. Hotchkiss of Toledo, Ohio; Leslie, a traveling salesman, married Miss Bessie Bristol, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Laura, the wife of Chas. Sutherland, of Delta, Ohio; Almeda, a graduate of the Michigan State Normal and now a teacher in a college in Minnesota; Ray S., a farmer of Monroe county, Michigan, who married Gertrude Kitzmiller; Edward A., a bachelor, who lives in Lambertville, engaged in lumber business; Charles A., also single, who is connected with a general store in Lambertville; William Penn, another bachelor of the family, who is in business at Prairie Depot, Wood county, Ohio, and Ralph D., of New York City, who also is unmarried and is a commercial traveler.

Clarence Janney was reared upon his father's farm in the vicinity of Lambertville and his educational development was that provided by the district school, which he attended until he reached the age of seventeen. On the occasion of his father's death, which occurred at this time, the young man, as the eldest son of the family, took upon himself the burdens devolving upon the head of the household. His successful discharge of these and his care of the younger members of the family have won him much credit. His energy and initiative are also evidenced by his preparation for the profession of undertaking and his being granted a certificate as embalmer from the institution at Grand Rapids.

Mr. Janney is worthily mated with the daughter of Jasper N. Smith, a sketch of whose life also appears in this volume. She was educated in the district and high schools of this vicinity. Of their splendid family of eight children all are living. They are as follows: Cora M., a graduate of the common schools and now a student in the Toledo high schools; Luella, who also has completed the courses of the common schools; Francis, Jasper, Clarence, and Elsie May, who are still in school; and little Hattie and Maynard, who are yet in their babyhood. Mr. and Mrs. Janney's sons and daughters bid fair to be the greatest satisfaction of their coming years.

The subject of this biography is a staunch Republican, with a commendable sense of the responsibility of every citizen. He has served his township acceptably both as treasurer and as clerk, being present incumbent of the latter office. He is counted one of the most dependable as well as one of the most progressive men in Bedford township.

JASPER N. SMITH. One of the "old families" of the county and of Bedford township that is most favorably known throughout the region is the worthy household of Jasper N. Smith. In 1841, Mr. Smith was born on the farm which he now owns. His parents were originally of Ontario, New York, the father being Lyman and the mother Zady M. (Harwood) Smith. They were married in Monroe county and were the parents of two children of whom Jasper N. is the only one who lived to grow to manhood. In the wholesome atmosphere of his country home he grew to maturity, receiving his educational guidance from the district schools. When he was a young man of twenty-one he responded with ready courage to his country's call for the service of her loyal sons. Enlisting in Company K of the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, he remained in the service until the close of the struggle that made all men of the nation free and preserved the unity of the United States. Having seen this important work accomplished, and content with having been one of the many whose courage had made it possible, Mr. Smith gladly returned to the peaceful pursuits of the farm and the congenial community of Bedford township, which ever since has been his home.

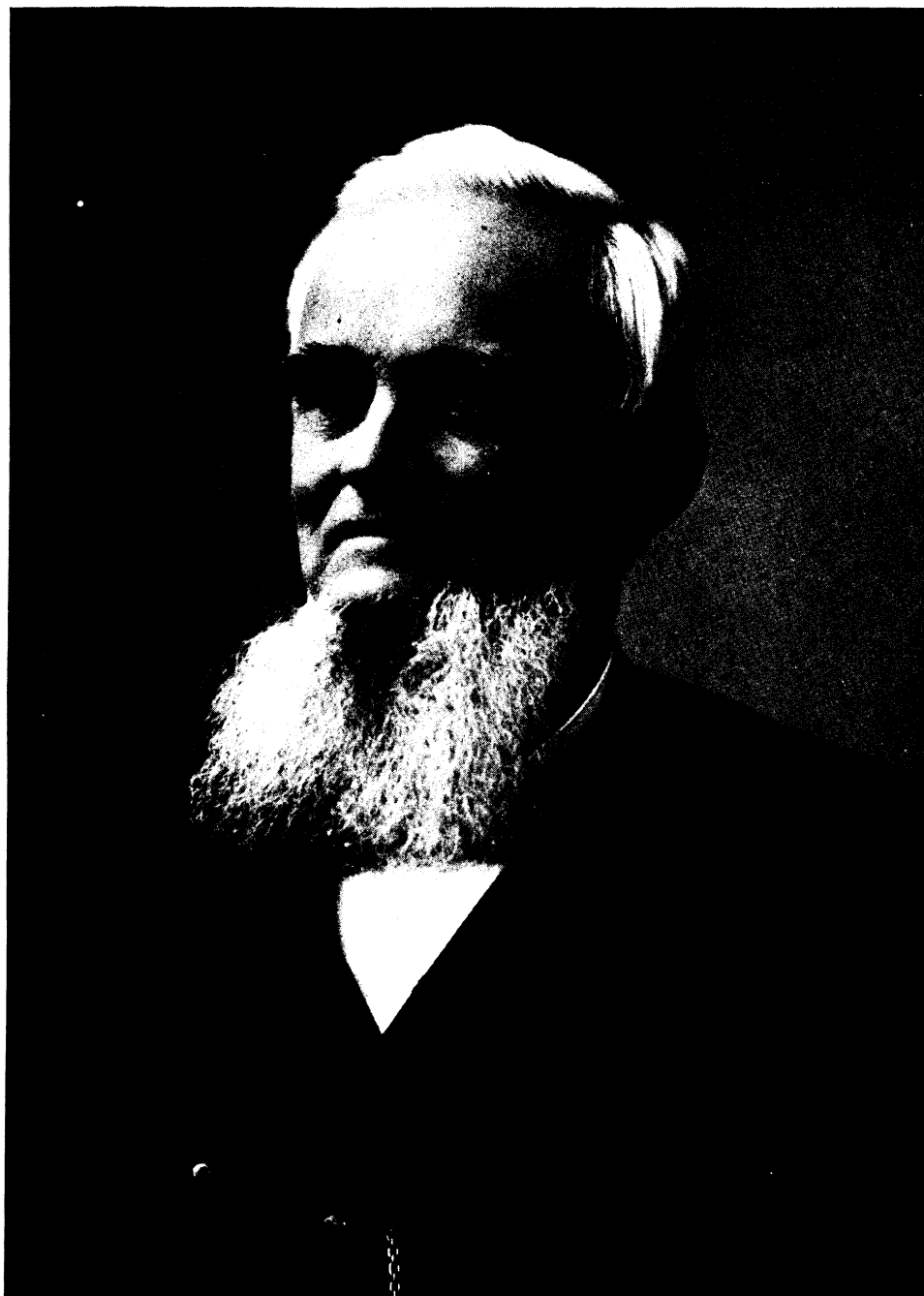
In 1867, he was united for a life-domestic companionship with Miss Hattie Kirkland, a teacher of the township. Miami, Ohio, was Mrs. Smith's birthplace, her parents having been natives of New York state. She was a child of two years of age at the time of their removal to Bedford township and her education began in the district schools, from which she passed to the Monroe graded schools. Her teaching experience covered six terms.

The second generation of the Jasper Smith family consists of four and the third generation of twelve descendants. Harry L. Smith, the oldest son, and his wife, Mary (Waffle) Smith, have three children. The twins, Frank and Elsie, are also both married. The first wife of the former, who as a girl was Miss Carrie Reed, passed early from this mundane existence, leaving him with one child. His second marriage was to Miss Susie Kay. Elsie Smith is now Mrs. Clarence Janney and the mother of eight children. The fourth son, Everard, is unmarried and lives at the old home with his parents.

As an old soldier whose heart still ever beats in patriotic measure, Jasper Smith is proud of his affiliation with the Grand Army of the Republic, his formal connection being with H. W. Lawton Post of Samaria, Michigan. His political views are those of the Republican party in national issues though in local politics he is independent of narrowing party limitations.

Mr. Smith owns eighty-three acres of fine land in section 4 of this township. He and Mrs. Smith are conspicuous for their high standing among their acquaintance, their lifetime of residence in Bedford showing an enviable record in the various phases of both public and private life.

GEORGE CARR, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Temperance, Michigan, was born on his father's farm, on section 14,



J. M. Hartney

Bedford township, Monroe county, this state, January 10, 1837, a son of pioneers, Upton and Clarissa (Ford) Carr.

Upton Carr, a native of Lyonville, New York state, born October 6, 1807, came to Michigan in March, 1834, and entered eighty acres of land on sections 14 and 15 of Bedford township, Monroe county. It was not, however, until two years later that he married and brought his wife here, their homecoming to the little log cabin, which he built, being in May, 1836. Here they lived and labored and enjoyed the pleasures as well as the hardships of frontier life. As the result of his well directed efforts the farm was improved and the cabin home in time gave place to a better building. Two children were born to them, George and David, the latter now being deceased. Upton Carr died in July, 1892. He was a quiet, unassuming man, broad and liberal in his views. While not a member of any church, he attended church regularly and was counted as one of its substantial supporters. Politically, he was first a Whig and later a Republican. His good wife, born October 1, 1817, died March 8, 1878.

George Carr has passed his life on the farm on which he was born, and besides owning it also has several pieces of property in Temperance.

In September, 1866, Mr. Carr married Miss Elizabeth Ansted, a native of Sandusky county, Ohio, born October 16, 1844, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Welker) Ansted. Her father having died, she came with her mother to Michigan in April, 1864, and it was here in Monroe county that two years later she became the wife of Mr. Carr. Four children were born to them, of whom two, a son and daughter, are living at this writing (1912). The daughter, Catharine E., is the wife of David Dull, one of the young business men of Temperance. They have one daughter, Florence A.

The son, Chester Carr, is also engaged in the mercantile field at Temperance. He wedded Miss Belle Vaughn and they have three children, one son and two daughters, Mabel, Milton and Helen.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr have two of the old parchment deeds, executed October 1, 1835, under the hand and seal of Pres. Andrew Jackson, which are valuable heirlooms in the family.

Mrs. Carr is a member of the Lutheran church, which Mr. Carr attends with her and of which he is a generous supporter. His political affiliation has always been with the Republican party and he has filled several minor offices in the township.

Mr. Carr is a true and typical pioneer of Monroe county and is one of the few men living today, who has witnessed the marvelous growth and development of the county of Monroe, since he has almost passed the seventy-ninth milestone in life's pathway. He was born in section 14 in Bedford township. He well remembers the primeval log school house of "Ye early dayes" and has attended the old fashioned singing school, where the benches were slab seats with four wooden legs to stand on. He used the old goose quill pen and can make them as good today in the twentieth century as he could a half a century ago. He remembers, well, when two young Indians came to his mother's home and she let them remain all night, and cooked their suppers and breakfasts for them. Mr. Carr has seen as many as six deer in one herd

in Bedford township and his father and a comrade chased a bear through part of the township across the Dunbar Estate, lying southwest of Temperance. He well remembers when the site of Temperance was covered with brush and thick woods. Lewis Ansted was the first merchant and postmaster of Temperance, and he and his wife were the main factors in the establishment of the first Free Methodist church in Temperance. His wife, Mrs. Lewis Ansted named the town Temperance, and not since the organization of the township, or the village has there been a station with a saloon.

ELLIS W. KELLY, M. D., has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Temperance, Michigan, for the past fifteen years. He belongs to one of the prominent early families of Monroe county, and both by reason of his family connection and on account of his own high standing as a physician and citizen, a biographical sketch of him is of interest in this connection.

Ellis W. Kelly was born in La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, September 12, 1868, son of William J. and Mary J. (Kimball) Kelly.

William J. Kelly was a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, born in 1837, son of William Kelly and wife, nee McNail, both of Irish birth, he being one of a family of six children—Robert, Thomas, John, Susan, Ann and William J.—all now deceased. When William J. was a boy of ten years he accompanied his parents and other members of the family to Michigan, where, on a frontier farm in La Salle township, Monroe county, their home was established, and here he was reared, passed his life, and died at the ripe age of seventy-four years. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Dr. H. E. Kelly, of Ida, Michigan; Jennie B., who died December 23, 1911; Dr. Ellis W. Kelly, whose name introduces this review. The mother of this family, Mary J. (Kimball) Kelly, is still living. She is a daughter of John P. and Bethiah Kimball, natives of New York state, both of whom lived to an advanced age, seventy-nine years covering the period of his life, and eighty-six, hers. In their family were five children, all daughters, of whom three are now living: Mary J., Emeline, wife of Wm. G. Salter, and Alice, wife of Jacob A. Rauch. Those deceased are Cornelia and Adelia.

During his active life William J. Kelly was prominent in the affairs of his locality. He served for sixteen years as director of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and one term, 1894-1895, he represented his constituency in the state legislature of Michigan.

Ellis W. Kelly spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. After attending the district schools and the Monroe high school, of which latter he is a graduate, he took a commercial course in a Toledo business college. Then he had a practical business experience as book-keeper for the Toledo Wire & Iron Works, a position he filled one year. In the fall of 1894, he entered the Toledo Medical College, where he pursued the regular course, and from which in May, 1897, he received the degree of M. D. The following September he opened an office at Temperance, and since that date has been actively engaged in the

practice of his profession here, meeting with that high degree of success which his qualifications and adaptability for the work in which he is engaged merit.

March 29, 1899, Dr. Kelly married Miss Bessie M. Choate, a daughter of Charles S. Choate, Sr., of Erie, Michigan; and they have two children: Lucile N., born November 19, 1900; Ellis W., May 16, 1904. Mrs. Kelly was educated at Adrian, Michigan, and previous to her marriage was a teacher.

Dr. Kelly has numerous fraternal relations. He is a member of Samaria Lodge No. 438, A. F. & A. M.; Lambertville Lodge, No. 468, I. O. O. F., and K. O. T. M., No. 832. Also he maintains membership and a keen interest in the county, state and national medical societies. He is a medical examiner for numerous life insurance companies, among them being the New York Life, Mutual Benefit Life, Massachusetts Mutual, Toledo Life and Equitable Life. Politically, he is a Republican, not, however, being active in politics.

Dr. Kelly and his brother, Dr. H. E. Kelly of Ida, Michigan, own a farm of 150 acres in La Salle township, and are interested in farming operations.

ORLIE A. TUTTLE, assistant cashier of the Bank of Temperance, Temperance, Michigan, is one of the up-to-date young business men of the town.

Mr. Tuttle was born on a farm in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, April 27, 1888, son of John M. and Etna (Vaughn) Tuttle. Up to the age of seventeen his time was passed in assisting with the farm work and attending public school. Then he attended the Monroe high school and also took a correspondence course in bookkeeping, in due time receiving a diploma for his work in the correspondence school. Having fitted himself for a responsible position, he was not long in finding it. June 1, 1907, at the age of nineteen, he was made assistant cashier of the Bank of Temperance, a position he has since filled with faithfulness and ability.

Politically, he is a Republican.

JOSEPH M. STERLING. Few names have been more conspicuously and worthily identified with the social and industrial history of Monroe county than that of the honored pioneer to whom this brief memoir is dedicated, and whose activities and influence made him one of the leading citizens of Michigan from the territorial epoch in its history down through the years until he was summoned from the scene of his mortal endeavors, venerable in years and secure in the high regard of all who knew him. He was closely associated with other representative men of the pioneer days in southern Michigan and was well equipped for leadership in thought and action. His character was the positive expression of a strong and noble nature and no record touching the history of civic and industrial progress in Monroe county can be consistent if there be failure to give special recognition to this influential citizen who honored the state by his character and service. Mr. Sterling continued to maintain his home in the city of Monroe until his death, which

occurred on the 18th day of May, 1891, when he was nearly seventy-three years of age.

Joseph Marvin Sterling was born at Adams, Jefferson county, New York, on the 16th day of August, 1818, and was a son of one of the honored pioneer families of that section of the old Empire state. The family is one of the most interesting ancestry, the founder of the house of Sterling in America having been William Sterling, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, but a native of England, born in London in 1637, of Scotch and English parentage. He was the founder of what was known as the New England branch of the Sterling family, and he came to the Colonies previous to 1660, settling in the little town of Bradford, Massachusetts. He was a ship builder by trade, and was the owner of a considerable land in the section of the country in which he settled. He was engaged in many Indian fights in his day, and was prominent in the life of his community as long as he lived. He was the father of nineteen children, and the direct line of descent from William Sterling, the first, down to William C. Sterling of the present day is as follows: Captain Daniel Sterling, the son of William Sterling, the founder of the family in America, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in September, 1673, and married Mary Ely, the daughter of Richard Ely, of Lynne, Connecticut. His son, Joseph Sterling, was born in old Lynne, Connecticut, on June 30, 1707; he married Sarah Mack, daughter of John Mack, also of Lynne, on July 2, 1730, and his son, Capt. William Sterling, was born in Sterling City, Connecticut, May 28, 1743. He married Jemima Sill, on January 3, 1783, in Lynne, Connecticut. Joseph Sterling, his son, was born in Sterling City, November 25, 1786, and he married Emelia Cadwell in 1811, a daughter of Jeduthan Cadwell.

Joseph Marvin Sterling, the son of Joseph Sterling, representing the sixth generation of American Sterlings, was born in Adams, Jefferson county, New York, on August 16, 1818. He married Abigail Clark on January 27, 1847, a daughter of Walter Palmer and Abigail (Marsh) Clark, of Monroe, Michigan. She was born September 8, 1824.

When Joseph Marvin Sterling was seventeen years of age he came to Monroe, Michigan, making that city his home for the remainder of his life, and upon the waters of the bay, upon the commerce of the lakes, upon the docks, the streets, the homes, the schools, the churches of this city, in its canals and its railroads and in practically every big enterprise that was launched in Monroe county in his time, is written the history of his vigorous life.

Although the life of Mr. Sterling was one of untiring activity and worthy achievement, not lacking in incidents of important order, it has been impossible to gain more than meagre data concerning his long and useful career. He himself once stated that his school education was limited, but that his contact education had been both liberal and pleasant. Certain it is that through self-discipline and through long and active association with men and affairs he accumulated the equivalent of a liberal education and that he became a man of fine mental poise and sound judgment. His early educational advantages were limited to a somewhat desultory attendance in the common schools of his native state and in 1832 he there became a clerk in a mercantile establishment. In

the following year he was sent by the firm of Fuller & Sons, of Watertown, New York, to open a branch store at Clayton, that state. In 1834 he became a salesman in the store of Bancroft & Davis, of Watertown, where he remained until the following autumn, when, without company and with financial resources summed up in five dollars which had been given to him by his father, he set forth for Michigan, to which territory a strong tide of emigration was then moving from New York and the New England states. He made the voyage on the Great Lakes to Detroit, having taken passage on the steamer "United States," which was one of the first to be placed in commission for such service in the pioneer days. From Detroit he came to Monroe on the little steamer "Bradley," and he landed at LaPlaisance Bay on the 16th of October, 1835. The young easterner could have had at the time little realization of the fact that he himself was to become a prominent and influential figure in connection with lake-marine navigation and other lines of industrial enterprise in the territory which was just putting forth initial efforts to gain admission to statehood. On the day following his arrival in Monroe, Mr. Sterling secured a clerical position in the grocery and provision store of J. C. Cole, and this pioneer establishment was changed to a general merchandise store in the following year. In 1837, the year of the admission of Michigan to the Union, Mr. Sterling went to Petersburg, this county, to open a branch supply store, and in the following year he purchased the stock and business in that village, by the payment of twelve dollars in cash and assuming indebtedness for the remainder of the purchase price. He had received a salary of only fifteen dollars a month, and thus it may be understood that his available capital when he launched into independent business was extremely meagre. He had, however, a generous and adequate capital of energy, ambition, self-reliance and integrity of purpose, and to such valiant souls success is a natural prerogative. In the year which marked this initial business venture of independent order Mr. Sterling erected the first store building in the little village of Petersburg, and it is interesting to record that the same was later converted into a dwelling house, as such remaining one of the landmarks of the town for many years. In 1839 Mr. Sterling disposed of his business and building in Petersburg and returned to Monroe, where he became associated with his brother, William C. Sterling, and H. Lambert, in effecting a lease of LaPlaisance Bay warehouse and horse railroad, with incidental purchase of the cars and horses. The Monroe station or depot of this primitive railway was situated on Scott street, just east of the residence of General Spalding, and the eastern terminus was at the warehouse on the bay named, the road having been about four miles in length. Sidney D. Miller, who later became an influential citizen of Detroit, and Winfield L. Smith, later a prominent business man of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, served for varying intervals as conductors on the passenger cars of this railroad, the trains of which ran more or less uncertain over the rails, which were straps of iron on continuous wooden base. When the canal was opened Mr. Sterling left La Plaisance Bay and became clerk for the firm of Cole & Disbro, at the Monroe docks. The day upon which he entered the service of this firm the schooner "United States" was sighted at the lighthouse and he acted as pilot in bringing the

vessel to the docks, where he supervised the loading of the same with flour, this having been the first vessel to make the trip down the canal. The same year witnessed the establishment of several new business concerns, which availed themselves of the opportunities afforded in connection with the improved facilities for lake-marine navigation at this point, and among these newly organized firms were a number that became prominent in this history of industrial advancement in Monroe, notably Morton, Burch & Company; D. Noble & Company; Bronson & Colton; Morton & Wing; Morton & Walbridge; Disbrow & Grinnell; Harlston, Haff & Company, and others. The docks at that time were the scene of great business activity, and boasted a hotel, five saloons, and a bowling alley, with a daily line of steamers to Buffalo, Detroit and Toledo.

In 1843 Mr. Sterling entered into partnership with W. A. Noble and added to other interests a storage and commission business, and in the following year they built the famous warehouses known by sailors from one end of the lakes to the other. He became, with other representative citizens, interested in an extensive shipyard established at the docks, and in the same year the firm of Noble & Sterling purchased the schooner "Cambridge" and opened a transfer trade between Monroe and Oswego, New York. Mr. Sterling became the owner later of a number of other vessels of both steam and sailing types, and his enterprise in this connection proved extremely successful, notwithstanding the loss of the propeller "Sampson" and the schooners "Don" and "Noble." His initiative was on a parity with his aggressive enterprise, and he became a successful contractor in the construction of rail and plank roads, as well as in the handling of government, state and city contract work. He erected in Monroe many private residences and several public buildings, including the city hall and the passenger station at the Monroe port. He planted the first field vineyard in Monroe county and constructed and stocked the first carp pond. In 1847 he began bringing in coal for blacksmiths and other artisans, the product being shipped on steamers and being transported in boxes and barrels. For many years he supplied the coal trade as far west as Goshen, Indiana, and he was veritably the pioneer in this line of enterprise in southern Michigan. In the autumn of 1848 Mr. Sterling erected his first coal shed in Monroe, and this he stocked with forty tons of blacksmith's coal,—a supply which he deemed adequate for the supplying of his trade for a period of ten years. This department of his business activities, however, gradually assumed large proportions, and in 1888 he handled nearly ten thousand tons,—a fact which indicated in a measure the development and progress that had marked southern Michigan in the long intervening period of forty years, during which he had continued his operations in this one line of business enterprise.

From 1861 until his death Mr. Sterling served as president of the Monroe Gas Light Company, in the organization of which he was the prime factor, and during the last four years of his life he was president of the Monroe Democrat Printing & Publishing Company, besides being the executive head of the Sterling Manufacturing Company and other important enterprises. He had in early years secured a valuable tract of land in the county and he did much to foster the agricultural and live

stock industries in this section of the state. In 1883 he stocked his farm with a fine herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, and he was most zealous in raising the standard of the live-stock interests of the state. This is still carried on by his son Joe C. Sterling. He was for many years one of the most active and valued members of the Michigan State Agricultural Society, of the business committee of which he was chairman for twelve years. His influence and high civic standing did much to make this society an important force in fostering development and progress along industrial lines and he was one of the most prominent members at the time when its functions and influence were at their zenith.

Mr. Sterling took a lively interest in all that concerned the city, county and state of his adoption and was a leading member of the Michigan Pioneer Society, before which he presented a number of papers of great historic value, the same being preserved in the archives of the society. In politics Mr. Sterling ever gave a stalwart allegiance to the Democratic party and he was an effective advocate of its principles and policies, as well as an influential figure in the councils of the party in the state of Michigan. In 1862-63 he served as mayor of Monroe, and his administration was marked by the progressiveness and civic loyalty which were to be expected of a man of such fine business ability and distinctive public spirit. On several occasions he was urged to become his party's nominee for governor of the state, but he invariably declined to become a candidate for this office. In 1874 he was, without his consent, made the party nominee for state treasurer, and he made a phenomenal run, with a leadership of three hundred and forty-eight votes on the state ticket in his home county. It is certain that had the Democratic state central committee properly supplied the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with tickets he would have been elected.

In 1847 Mr. Sterling became one of the organizers of Monroe Lodge, No. 19, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and at the time of his death only two other charter members of the lodge were living.

On the 27th of January, 1843, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sterling to Miss Abby Clarke, who was born in 1824 and died in 1872, secure in the love of all who knew her. She was a daughter of Walter P. Clarke, one of the pioneer and representative citizens of Monroe county. Mrs. Sterling was survived by six children, as follows: William C., who is individually mentioned on other pages of this work, is well upholding the prestige of the family name as one of the prominent and influential business men and influential citizens of Monroe; Joe C. Sterling, unmarried, born August 27, 1851, became interested in Michigan State Fair and was its secretary for a number of years, also secretary of the Monroe Gas Company, and superintendent of Monroe Water Company. He was a partner with his father, at the time of his father's death, in farming and raising of thoroughbred cattle, which business he is still engaged in. Frank Sterling, born September 7, 1854; married May 12, 1886, Miss Sarah Yardley. He has been interested in a number of enterprises in Monroe. At one time with his brother William in the cedar business, also interested in raising of squabs, florist, etc. Walter P. Sterling, born November 29, 1856, unmarried. Manager of Monroe Lumber Co. and connected with several other business enterprises in

the city. Martha Emelie Sterling, born March 26, 1848, married Lester O. Goddard October 25, 1871. Mr. Goddard was a prominent official of C. B. & Q. Ry. for a number of years and member of the firm of Custer, Goddard and Griffin, attorneys and counsellors, Chicago. Two children were born to them, Joseph Sterling Goddard and Emma Goddard. Emma Morton Sterling was born June 4, 1860, married Austin E. Wing January 31, 1883. Mr. Wing, in 1888, was appointed national bank examiner for Michigan. He is at the present time cashier of the Peoples State Bank, Detroit, Michigan, the largest bank in the state. They have one son, Walter Sterling Wing, now of Pittsburg.

In 1874 Mr. Sterling contracted a second marriage, being then united with Mrs. Cynthia (Weed) Rice, the widow of C. W. Rice of Buffalo, New York, and a daughter of Hon. Elias Weed of that city. Mrs. Sterling survives her honored husband.

WILLIAM CLARK STERLING. A representative business man of large and varied interests, William Clark Sterling has long been a dominating factor in connection with the industrial and commercial activities of his native city and county, and both by reason of his personal achievement and his high standing in the community he is entitled to especial recognition in this publication. Further than this, he is a member of one of the honored pioneer families of Monroe county and he is a son of the late Joseph Marvin Sterling, who established his home in Monroe county several years prior to the admission of Michigan to the Union and who was long one of the most honored and influential citizens and most enterprising business men of the state. To this sterling pioneer a special memoir is dedicated on other pages of this work, so that further review of his career and of the family history is not demanded in this article.

He whose name initiates this sketch is president of the W. C. Sterling & Son Company, dealers in cedar telegraph poles, fence posts, shingles, ties and hoops; president of the W. C. Sterling & Son Coal & Ice Company; president of the Sterling Cedar & Lumber Company, of Charles, Michigan; president of the Monroe Lumber Company; vice-president and director of the Monroe Water Company; trustee and manager of the Monroe Marsh Company; a director of the Monroe Foundry & Furnace Company; and an interested principal in other industrial enterprises, both in Monroe county and other parts of the state. This statement is sufficient evidence of his prominence in the field of industrial enterprise, and marks him as one of the aggressive and representative business men of his native state, and his career has been marked by the characteristics of progressiveness, liberal and public spirited views in his civic attitude, and similar qualities which make for large and worthy results in the course of a lifetime of activity. He has done much to further the development and advancement of his home city and county, the while his influence has been potent in the furtherance of civic and industrial interests pertaining to the state at large. He has accounted well as one of the world's productive workers and it is gratifying to be able to present in this work a brief review of his career thus far.

William Clark Sterling was born in Monroe, Michigan, on the 17th of September, 1849, and he is the eldest of six children of his parents.

Joseph M. and Abby (Clarke) Sterling. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and in Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Indiana. He has ever led a busy life, as became the son of his father, one of the most active and ambitious men that was ever identified with the history of the state. Upon his return to Michigan, following his university course, he entered the Mayhew Business College in the city of Detroit, it being the idea to thoroughly prepare him in the theories of business administration, in preparation for his career in the actualities of business life in connection with his father's immense interests in Michigan. After the completion of a thorough course of study, he returned to Monroe, and there, in 1867, he became associated with his father as a member of the firm of J. M. Sterling & Son, and became manager of the business, being associated as well with other industrial enterprises of which his honored father was the head. Mr. Sterling has, in fact, been identified with practically all the industrial enterprises and movements in the city that have helped to make it what it is in recent years, and no man has played a more important part in the growth and development of the city than has he. In 1880 he established the cedar pole, post and tie business now conducted by him and his son, William C, Jr., he being the president of the firm. This company has shipped telegraph and telephone poles all over the United States and Canada, and even to Egypt and South America. In 1906 Mr. Sterling organized the Sterling Cedar & Lumber Company of Michigan, of which he is the president. This company has immense holdings in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, owning many thousands of acres of standing timber and operating a large lumber, shingle and lath mill at Charles, Michigan, where they own the town site on Lake Huron. The W. C. Sterling & Son Company maintains sorting yards at Monroe, Bay City, West Branch, Alpena, Omer, Boyne Falls, Onaway and Millersburg, Michigan, and thus its supply resources and distributing facilities are of the best order. Mr. Sterling is a stockholder in a number of banks in this district, in the Monroe Foundry and Furnace Company and the Elkhart Manufacturing Company, and is president of the Monroe Lumber Company. He has continued the coal and ice business established by his father in 1848, the business being conducted under the firm name of W. C. Sterling & Son. He helped establish and in some of the following companies was director or officer: The Detroit Sugar Company, the New State Telephone Company, the Detroit Switchboard Manufacturing Company, the Michigan Cedar Company, the Sterling Manufacturing Company, the Monroe Pier & Park Hotel Company, the Monroe Produce Company, the Holihan & Steeley Mercantile Company, of Millersburg; F. S. Sterling & Company cedar products, Sterling & Wahl Ice Company, Monroe, Michigan; Augres River Cedar Company, Augres, Michigan; Omer Stave & Heading Manufacturing Company, Omer; Squires & Sterling Mercantile Company of Omer, Michigan. In fact, it would be difficult to name a concern of solid worth in Monroe county, in the launching of which Mr. Sterling has not been conspicuous, and which has not been aided and furthered by his influence. Every public movement of interest to the community has felt his support, both morally and financially. He donated the first block of paving laid in Monroe, and he has ever been

the friend of street improvements. He was a stockholder in the Monroe Gas Company, which his father built, and with General Spalding he built the Monroe Water Company, which was much needed and did a vast deal to build up the city. It was a losing proposition for more than twenty years, but by furnishing funds, the stockholders were able to pull the enterprise through to a successful point. With his son he assisted in the establishing of the present telephone exchange in the city and county, which is still under the general management of his son.

Mr. Sterling has always been the premier sportsman of his community, and in 1880 he bought the Monroe marshes and organized the Monroe Marsh Club, which still controls the marshes made famous for their duck shooting, fishing, lotus bed and muskrats. Practically all the members of the club are eastern men. He has been a great yachtsman for years and all over the Great Lakes is known as Commodore Sterling. He was vice-commodore of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association, and declined the office of commodore; commodore Monroe Ice Boat Club 1905. During his last trip to Europe he joined the Airship Club of Germany, and on August 28, 1912, with his son-in-law, Alfred Muller, of Erfurt, made his first flight in the Zeppelin airship "Victoria Louise," five hundred and fifty-two feet long. They sailed from Gotha to Frankfort, Germany, a distance of over two hundred miles, fifty miles of the trip being made in less than an hour. The trip took five and three-quarters hours because of the loss of the forward buckets while one mile up in the air, it being necessary to attain that height to go over the mountains.

Among distinguished relatives of Mr. Sterling are late J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture, under President Cleveland; he was a son of Mr. Sterling's maternal aunt. Joy and Mark Morton of the Morton Salt Company of Chicago, and Paul Morton, secretary of the navy, and president of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, were cousins of Mr. Sterling, also.

Mr. Sterling has always been a Democrat, but in line with traditions of his family, has held no office nor showed any inclination to public service, in any official capacity. He is a member of the Trinity Episcopal church of Monroe, and is most liberal in his religious views. He is especially generous in his attitude towards the Catholic faith and has demonstrated his friendship by his liberality toward the St. Francis Orphans' Home, which he has aided in many ways in the line of his benevolent work.

On February 21, 1871, Mr. Sterling was married at Monroe, Michigan, to Miss Ada E. Calhoun, a daughter of Erastus R. Calhoun, born in Williamstown, New York, in 1818, and died in 1888. Her mother was Lucinda Newton, born in Palmyra, New York, in 1824, and the marriage of her parents occurred in 1844. Mr. Calhoun was the proprietor of a prominent hotel in Toledo, Ohio, in the sixties, known as the Collins House, and at one time was a large land owner in the West Indies. Mrs. Calhoun's ancestors were very prominent in England, and in colonial days, Major Israel Newton, her great-grandfather, was active in the interests of the colonies. Mrs. Sterling was educated in eastern schools. They have children as follows: William Cadwell Sterling, Jr., born in Monroe, April 7, 1872; in December 26, 1894, married Emma L. Spalding,

daughter of Gen. George Spalding and Augusta (Lewis) Spalding. Abby Lucinda Sterling, born August 17, 1873; married Habeck W. Landon, of East Lansing, Michigan. Nellie Louise Sterling, born March 7, 1875; married Thornton Dixon, one time prosecuting attorney of Monroe county, owner of the Monroe Shore Line Stone Company, and interested in many other enterprises of an important nature. He is at present commodore of the Monroe Yacht Club.

Ada Mae Sterling, born February 12, 1877, married Alfred Muller, of Erfurt, Germany, on June 26, 1909. Mr. Muller is the owner of the famous J. E. Schmidt Seed and Nursery Houses of Erfurt, established there some two centuries ago.

WILLIAM CADWELL STERLING, JR., is the only son of his parents, William Clark and Ada E. (Calhoun) Sterling, of whom extended mention is made on other pages of this work, so that further details with regard to the parentage and ancestry of the immediate subject need not be here incorporated. Mr. Sterling was born on April 7, 1872, and is one of the four children of his parents.

Born in Monroe, Mr. Sterling received his early education in the schools of that city, his training in his home town being followed by three years at the Chicago Manual Training School in Chicago, Illinois. Since the completion of his education Mr. Sterling has been associated with his father in all his many business ventures, and he is now manager, secretary and treasurer of the W. C. Sterling & Son Company, dealers in cedar poles, ties, posts and forest products in a wholesale way, and the oldest firm of its kind in the United States. He is also district manager of the Michigan State Telephone Company, vice president and treasurer of the Sterling Cedar & Lumber Company, wholesale dealers in lumber and producers of forest products, and a junior member of the firm of W. C. Sterling & Son, dealers in coal and ice in a wholesale and retail way. He is treasurer of the Monroe Water Company and a director of the Elkhart Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of magnetos for gas engines. At one time Mr. Sterling was a director in the Detroit Telephone Company, and the new State Telephone Company, operating throughout the state of Michigan. He was a director of the National Telephone Equipment Company, manufacturers of telephones and switchboards; secretary of the Monroe Lumber Company, a retail concern of the city; treasurer of the Squires & Sterling Mercantile Company, at Omer, Michigan; treasurer of the Holihan & Sterling Company, at Millersburg, Michigan; secretary and treasurer of the Monroe Produce Company, once a leading cold storage house of the city; was secretary of the Omer Stave & Heading Company; secretary of the Augres River Cedar Company, at Augres, Michigan; secretary of the Michigan Cedar Company, of Bay City, Michigan; secretary and treasurer of the Michigan State Game and Fish Protective League; secretary of the Monroe Pier Hotel & Park Company; collector of customs for the port of Monroe; and a member of the inspection committee of the Northwestern Cedarmen's Association, and is a stockholder in several banks and other prominent business firms in Monroe.

This list will give an approximate idea of the multiplicity of the

business associations and responsibilities of Mr. Sterling, and indicate in a measure the enterprise and progressiveness of the man as a factor in the business life of the city. His record thus far has in every respect reflected credit upon his father and grandfather, both of whom have done so much in the making of Monroe, and who have been identified with the state of Michigan in this district for the past seventy-five years, dating from the earliest advent of Joseph M. Sterling in Michigan in 1836.

Mr. Sterling is a Democrat, but has never aspired to political office of any sort, although he was once appointed United States customs collector for the port of Monroe, which office he held for several years and of which mention is made in the foregoing paragraph. He is secretary of the Monroe Citizens' Committee, and was active in the securing of the Elkhart Manufacturing Company for Monroe. He has at various times been a member of the Democratic county and city committees, and has done good work for the party in that connection.

As a member of Trinity Episcopal church of Monroe, Mr. Sterling has long been a vestryman and is treasurer of the church and has always been actively connected with the work of the church in its various departments. He is president of the Monroe Club, a member of the Detroit Club, the Toledo Yacht Club, the Monroe Yacht Club, in the latter of which he was active in its organization and was its first treasurer and a member of its first directorate. Like his father, he is an enthusiastic sportsman, yachting being a favorite pastime. He is a member of the O. L. Club, treasurer of the Monroe Gun Club, secretary of the Monroe Driving Club in 1901. With further reference to his yachting record, he was at one time fleet captain of the Inter Lake Yachting Association, rear commander of the Inter Lake Cruising Club, and has been skipper and owner at various times of the "Restless," the yawl "Areola," the sloop "St. Clair," and other craft.

On December 26, 1894, Mr. Sterling was united in marriage with Miss Emma Lewis Spalding, the daughter of General and Augusta (Lewis) Spalding. She is a graduate of the Monroe high school. General Spalding, veteran of the Civil war, entered as a private and finished with the rank of general. He participated in many of the important engagements of the war, and distinguished himself as a valiant soldier. He was a member of congress from the second district of Michigan for two terms, and was one time mayor of Monroe. He was postmaster of the city for several years, and at present is president of the First National Bank of Monroe. Two sons and a daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sterling. William C. Sterling, third, born in Monroe, August 20, 1898, is now a student in the public schools of Monroe, as is also Joe C. Sterling, second, born in Monroe on March 2, 1900. The daughter, Elizabeth, was born on October 23, 1911.

REV. HOWARD H. BOWSER, deputy sheriff of Monroe county, Michigan, lives on a farm in Bedford township. He is well known here, having spent all his life in this county with the exception of five years in Lucas county, Ohio, and having served efficiently in several

local offices. A brief review of the facts regarding his life is herewith presented.

Rev. Howard H. Bowser was born in Monroe county, Michigan, March 10, 1877, son of Howard W. and Dora Bowser, and traces the line of descent back to German ancestry. His grandfather, Anthony Bowser, was born in Pennsylvania, as also was his father, Howard W., the latter being a native of Bedford county, from whence he came to Monroe county, Michigan, where he still lives. He has been twice married. By his first wife he has three children: Anna, wife of John Slikes; Anthony, a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and Howard H. Bowser,

His mother having died when Howard H. was three years of age, he was cared for by his grandmother until he was five, when his father married again. Up to the time he was thirteen he attended district school in winter; until he was eighteen he worked for his father, and after that until he reached his maturity he worked away from home for wages, but gave his earnings to his father. Then he engaged in the dairy business, and was thus occupied for eleven years, selling his product in Toledo, Ohio. Since that time he has lived on a farm and called himself a farmer, various other interests, however, at intervals claiming his attention. He is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Farmers Independent Telephone Company of Temperance, Michigan. He has served as constable and highway commissioner of Bedford township, and since his appointment, in 1909, to the office of deputy sheriff of Monroe county, has faithfully performed the duties of this position.

Reverend Bowser married, December 10, 1899, Miss Anna A. Lowe, who was born and reared in Bedford township, daughter of Hans and Mary A. Lowe. They have one child, Clyde J., born May 25, 1901.

Reverend Bowser is one of the trustees of the Baptist church at Temperance, and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He was, fraternally identified with Lambertville Lodge, No. 467, I. O. O. F., and K. O. T. M., No. 832, and his political affiliation is with the Republicans.

The Reverend Bowser is in every sense of the word a self-made and self-educated gentleman.

In his boyhood days he knew what it was to be without many of the pleasures that boys of his age possessed, as at the early age of three years he was deprived of the care and love of his mother, and at the age of eleven he sold milk on the streets of Toledo, and of his hard earnings, gave to his father to help support the other children.

He is a gentleman, as seen by this text, who has been active as well as upright and honorable during the years of his life.

He is now a licensed minister of the gospel in the Baptist church, and has been a forceful factor in the Sabbath school, (which is really the threshold of the church).

In the Sunday School convention work of his county he has been closely associated with such active workers in the Sunday school as George Lang of Carleton and F. Wm. Schafer of Ida, Monroe county.

He expects to take charge of two different Baptist societies, one located at Okomes, and the other at Haskett in Ingraham county, Michigan. Reverend Bowser is possessed of a pleasing personality,

benevolent and kind in manner and is a man who has hosts of friends, who extend to him the hand of cordiality and we are pleased to note the above, to be preserved in the history of his adopted county of Monroe, Michigan.

WILLIAM DUNBAR, of Samaria, Michigan, is one of the native born energetic, enterprising and wide-awake business men of Monroe county and is ably sustaining the prominence for worthy and true citizenship which this family name has held in Monroe county for a century. Addison E. Dunbar and William Dunbar, father and son, were both born in Bedford township of this county, the former, January 9, 1835, when Michigan was almost an unbroken wilderness, he being the oldest surviving native born resident of Bedford township, and the latter on October 27, 1858. Addison E. Dunbar married Caroline M. Osgood, who died February 19, 1910, and William is the eldest of their six children, five of whom are living.

Educated first in the district schools near his boyhood home and later in the state normal school at Ypsilanti, Michigan, William Dunbar took up the profession of teaching as his line of independent endeavor and was thus engaged for several years in Bedford township, in Erie and Whiteford townships. He taught four terms in the same building in which he now conducts a mercantile business at Samaria. He has also entered prominently into the public life of his native township in other ways besides as a teacher and merchant, having served for thirty years as a notary public and also having served as township treasurer. Occupying a firm place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men, he has frequently been made the demonstrator of estates, a number of which have been of considerable importance, his education, business ability and strict integrity enabling him to conclude these responsible trusts to the satisfaction of all concerned in them. In politics he is a Democrat.

On April 16, 1879, he was happily married to Miss Minnie L. Crippen, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a former student of the state normal school there and a teacher prior to her marriage, by whom he has six children, four sons and two daughters, as follows: William E., an electrician, a graduate of the Monroe high school, now assistant manager of Aurora Railway, who married Louise Pfefferle of Monroe, Michigan, and now resides at Wheaton, Illinois; Roy A., who married Miss Mina Hummel and is now employed with his father in the store; Ervin A., an electrician who is married and resides at Warrenville, Illinois; Blanche L., now Mrs. Frederick Teal, of Toledo, Ohio; Floyd O., who married Miss Myrtie Cox of Bedford, Michigan, and resides at Dundee, Michigan; and Grace, who is at the parental home.

Mr. Dunbar is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He takes an active interest in the work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is one of only five charter members of Lambertville Lodge No. 467, the only other surviving members at this date (1912) bearing this distinction being Frank G. Jackman, William H. Howenstine and P. A. Nearhood. Mr. Dunbar has filled the chairs of his local lodges, is a member of the Encampment at Lambertville, Michigan, and

is also a member of the grand lodge of this order in Michigan. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar are members of Eva Rebekah Lodge No. 299, of which Mrs. Dunbar is a past grand, and both are members of the Rebekah Assembly of Michigan. They stand high in the regard of their community and are numbered among the prominent people of Monroe county.

JAY R. FAUNCE. Among the progressive and enterprising citizens of Summerfield township, whose activities in the agricultural field have served to advance the interests of Monroe county in no small degree, is Jay R. Faunce, who in addition to being engaged in general farming has served efficiently for the past seven years as a member of the township board of supervisors. Mr. Faunce, while not a native of this county, has spent the greater part of his life here, having come to this section when five years of age. He was born September 17, 1867, in Allen county, Ohio, and is a son of Isaac and Nancy (Clark) Faunce. His mother died in Ohio in 1869, and three years later, in December, 1872, the father brought his children to Summerfield township, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, and by his first wife had two children: Jay R. and Alvin E., the latter being a resident of Toledo, Ohio.

Jay R. Faunce accompanied his father and brother to Michigan in 1872, and was reared to the vocation of a farmer. During his youth he worked on his father's farm in the summer months, and during the winter terms attended district school No. 8, in Summerfield township, continuing to so occupy his time until he was seventeen years of age. At that time he began to give his whole time to working on the home farm, and when he was twenty-one years old, at the time of his marriage, rented the property of his father. Since that time Mr. Faunce has been engaged in general farming, and now owns a tract of ninety acres in section 2, where he breeds fine stock and raises good crops.

On November 28, 1889, Mr. Faunce was married to Miss Sophia Sadorf, who was born in Raisinville township, Monroe county, Michigan, December 10, 1867, and received her education in the district schools. They have one son, Floyd I., born April 8, 1894, who graduated from the district schools at the age of fourteen years, and is also a graduate of the Petersburg high school. Mr. and Mrs. Faunce are consistent members of the Christian church, in which both have been very active, Mr. Faunce being one of the elders of the church, and has served in various other official capacities both in church and Sunday school. Mr. Faunce was formerly superintendent of the latter. Fraternally he is connected with Blanchard Lodge No. 102, of the Masonic order, as well as with the Ancient Order of Gleaners, in which he has insurance. In politics he is one of the leaders of the Progressive party in his section, and was formerly a member of the Republican county central committee, and in 1905 was elected a member of the board of supervisors of Summerfield township, a position which he holds at the present time. He is always among the foremost men in the township in any enterprise tending to benefit the community in general, and in

business, public and private life has numerous friends throughout the county.

WILLIAM A. SMITH, M. D. Every profession has its prominent men, some made such by long membership, others by their proficiency in their calling. Dr. William A. Smith is made conspicuous among the physicians and surgeons of Monroe county, Michigan, not so much by the length of time he has devoted to the calling, for he is as yet a young man, as by the eminent success he has already made of it. Dr. Smith, whose chosen field of practice is the flourishing village of Petersburg, was born near Cleveland, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, June 8, 1877, and is a son of Albert W. and Amelia (Perkins) Smith.

The first-born of his parents' four children, William A. Smith was reared to the vocation of an agriculturist, and is principally a self-made and self-educated man, his earlier education having been limited to attendance in the district schools of Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and Monroe county, Michigan. At the age of fifteen years he began to work his way through high school, teaching the little school at Ottawa Lake and attending high school at Blissfield, Michigan, and later at Hudson, Ohio. On being graduated from that institution in 1899, he entered Cleveland Medical College, having decided even in his youth that he would follow a professional career in preference to that of an agriculturist, and was enabled to follow his medical course through to a conclusion on money he had saved while teaching school. In the spring of 1903, having secured his diploma, Dr. Smith came to Petersburg and engaged in practice, and since that time has built up an excellent professional business. At this time he is one of the directors of the Petersburg Bank, owns sixty acres of land in Summerfield township, and has interested himself in various ventures of a professional and business nature. Dr. Smith is one of those men who may be said to have chosen well. Possessed of a kind, sympathetic nature, a keen sense of discrimination and a natural taste for the various branches of the medical profession, he has made a signal success, having the confidence and esteem of his patients and of his professional confreres. He is a close and careful student, keeping fully abreast of the various changes and advancements in his profession, being a subscriber to the leading medical journals of the day and an interested member of the various organizations which are working to further the interests of the sciences of medicine and surgery. He is a member of Hahnemann Medical Society, the State Homeopathic Society, the Northwestern Ohio Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy, and at the present time is acting in the capacity of health officer of Petersburg. In political matters he is a Republican, but has never taken a very active part in public matters, preferring to devote his attention to his rapid-growing practice. In fraternal affairs he is connected with Russell Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Mount Vernon Chapter Royal Arch Masons, and he and Mrs. Smith are members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. They are members of the Christian church, but attended the church of the Presbyterian faith in Petersburg.

On April 14, 1903, Dr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss

Bertha Curtis, who was born in Summit county, Ohio, and educated in the Hudson (O.) high school and Hiram College. The Doctor and his wife have two children: Curtis A., who is eight years of age; and Mae Florence, aged four years.

HENRY L. MECK, M. D. The physician occupies one of the most responsible, as well as confidential, relations in our social existence. To him are entrusted our innermost secrets, as well as the lives and welfare of our dearest friends. To worthily and acceptably fill such a position is one of the most difficult tasks ever imposed on man, and such a task we find is assumed by Henry L. Meck, M. D., of Petersburg, Michigan, who, though yet but a young man, is not without considerable experience in his profession. Dr. Meck was born in the village of Osceola, Crawford county, Ohio, March 21, 1885, and is a son of Benjamin and Mary (McLaughlin) Meck, both of whom are residents of Crawford county, Dr. Meck's father being one of the leading attorneys of Bucyrus.

The oldest of his parents' children, Dr. Meck was reared at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and received his early education in the public schools of that place where he graduated from the high school in the class of 1904. Following this he entered the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio, and after graduation from that institution entered the Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana, where he was graduated in pharmacy in 1906, with the degree of Ph. G. After this preparation he entered the Detroit College of Medicine, where he was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and thus thoroughly equipped for the practice of his profession settled in active practice in the village of Petersburg, January 1, 1911. Almost immediately Dr. Meck was recognized as a young man of much more than ordinary professional ability, and the success that has rewarded his efforts has shown him to be possessed of those attributes which go to make up the leaders in the sciences of medicine and surgery. He takes a deep and active interest in the work of the leading medical organizations, being a valued member of the Monroe County and Michigan State Medical Societies, while his fraternal connection is with Russell Lodge No. 102, A. F. & A. M. In his political proclivities he is a Democrat, but his professional duties have demanded his whole attention and he has not found time to engage actively in public matters, although he takes a good citizen's interest in anything that affects his adopted community, and is at all times ready to lend his aid and influence in behalf of measures calculated to be of benefit to Petersburg or its citizens.

Dr. Meck was married June 16, 1910, to Miss Clara Lynch, a native of Sycamore, Ohio, and a graduate of Sycamore high school and the business department of the Tri-State Normal College of Angola, Indiana. Both the Doctor and his wife are highly esteemed in social circles of Petersburg, where the Doctor, by his sterling integrity and gentlemanly bearing, has drawn around him many warm friends.

CLARENCE C. FILLMORE. In every large community all lines of endeavor are likely to be represented, and all require different grades of

ability to prosecute them properly. No line of work requires more tact, or consideration for the feelings of others, than does that connected with the undertaking business, for, next to the physician, he who has charge of the last sad preparations for the burial of our dear ones, has the confidence of the family to a greater extent than any other individual. One who is eminently fitted for this profession, and whose sympathetic nature and kindness have tempered the grief in many stricken homes is Clarence C. Fillmore, funeral director and furniture dealer at Petersburg, Michigan. Mr. Fillmore is well known to the citizens of this section, as he was born in Summerfield township, January 9, 1871, and is a son of John W. and Margaret (Doremus) Fillmore. Mr. Fillmore's father was born in Dexter township, Monroe county, August 24, 1839, and his mother in Livingston county, September 23, 1837, and both are now deceased. They had a family of three children, of whom two are now living: Clarence C. and C. D. The latter, a farmer of Augres, Arenac county, is a graduate of Brown's Business College, Adrian, Michigan, and married Elizabeth Rose.

Clarence C. Fillmore was reared on the home farm, and received his early education in the district schools, subsequently attending the high school at Dundee, Michigan. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, but in 1905 opened a furniture and undertaking business in Petersburg, and after two years purchased another stock. He is the only funeral director in Petersburg, is a graduate embalmer, and carries a large stock of both furniture and undertaking supplies, having every equipment necessary for dignified and efficient funeral directing. He has been successful in his business enterprises because he possesses the qualities which bring success—good judgment, business faculty, a high sense of honor and a just appreciation of the rights of others.

On November 29, 1893, Mr. Fillmore was married to Miss Della M. Lloyd, who was born at Beaver Dam, Ohio, and educated in the schools of Michigan, whence she was brought by her parents when she was eight years old. Mr. and Mrs. Fillmore have two children: Lloyd O., born July 12, 1895; and Mary M., born June 29, 1899. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, Mr. Fillmore being a member of the board of trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally, he is connected with Blanchard Lodge No. 102, of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Odd Fellows lodge at Deerfield, Michigan. Politically he is a Republican, and at present is serving as township treasurer of Summerfield township, a position to which he was elected in April, 1912.

Mr. Fillmore is a direct descendant of President Millard Fillmore, since his father was a nephew of the president.

Mrs. Fillmore is an able exponent to her husband in his business since she completed the full course in the Clarks School of Embalming by correspondence and is a licensed embalmer under the laws of the state of Michigan. Especially is she valuable when the subject to be embalmed is a lady. She is affable and genial in manner, and courteous to the many patrons who patronize their establishment. She has also

been a great aid and help in the Sabbath school since she was an efficient teacher for several terms.

EMERY MILLS, one time sheriff of Monroe county, prosperous farmer of Ida and Dundee townships, and all around good citizen of the community of which he has been a resident since 1874, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 31, 1854, a son of John F. and Rachel (Sayers) Mills. The father was of English extraction and was born in Connecticut, later became a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and finally located in Lenawee county, Michigan, where he passed the remainder of his days. Twelve children were born to John and Rachel Mills, and of that number eight are living at this time.

The early education of Emery Mills was received in the district schools of his native town, and he finished his schooling by attending the Blissfield high school. When he had finished school he accepted a position with the Deering Harvester Company, and for eighteen years he was identified with that well known company.

On January 18, 1877, he married Miss Clara A. Waltz, a young woman who was born in Medina county, Ohio, and who, when her education was completed, became a teacher, an occupation to which she gave her attention until her marriage. They came to Monroe county in the same year of their marriage, and here have resided ever since. Four children have been born to them: Maude E. is the wife of William Tuttle; Madge is married to Louis Mills of Manton, Michigan; Charles R. married Clara Reber, and Harriet is a trained missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church, serving in Ajmere, India. She is a graduate of the Dundee high school and the State Normal School of Ypsilanti, Michigan. Mrs Mills is a faithful member of the Methodist church at Lulu, Michigan, and has shared in the labors of that body since she became a member of it. Mr. Mills is a Republican and has served in various capacities in a public way during the years of his life in the township. He has been highway commissioner of Ida township, and was elected sheriff of Monroe county in 1894, serving through 1895 and 1896. When his term of office expired he became a resident of Monroe and Dundee, and was engaged as a traveling salesman for the Deering Harvester Company, being thus occupied for nine years. He then moved on a farm in Ida township, where he has thirty-three acres under cultivation, in addition to which he is the owner of ninety acres in Dundee township, which, under his wise management, yields him a goodly income. Mr. Mills was at one time chairman of the Republican county central committee, and is still a member of the committee. He is a man who has always willingly borne his full share of the civic burden, and has established a reputation for good citizenship that might well be emulated by the rising generation.

JOHN E. SYKES, a prominent farmer of Ida township, and for years identified with the political activities of the community, was born in section 23, Ida township, on January 25, 1849, and is a son of William and Maria (Richardson) Sykes. Both parents were born in England and there reared, coming to the United States in 1846. They

were accompanied to America by the father of Mrs. Sykes, who made his home with them until his death. They located in Ida township and there spent the remainder of their days, and came to be regarded with the highest esteem and affection in the town in which they settled on coming to this country. The father was a quiet, unassuming man, attentive to his own affairs, and was a kindly and indulgent father. He died in 1876, his widow surviving him until 1894. They became the parents of four children, who grew up to years of manhood and womanhood, three of the number being now alive. John E. of this review is the eldest. Mary E. became the wife of Rev. C. W. Baldwin, who is the superintendent of the Saginaw Bay district in the Methodist Episcopal church, and who is of the prominent and popular men of his denomination in the southern part of the state. Joseph A. married Mary Schurer, and they are residents of this township.

The education of John E. Sykes did not extend beyond his sixteenth year, after which he gave his full attention to the work of the farm. He remained at home for some time, then set out for himself, finally becoming the owner of one of the fine farms which have given Ida township high prestige in the county.

On November 28, 1876, Mr. Sykes was united in marriage with Miss Margaret C. Todd, a native of Wyandotte county, Ohio, born there on November 17, 1854. She was a daughter of John Todd, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, and came with his father to Crawford county, then to Wyandotte county and finally to Monroe county, Michigan. Mrs. Sykes was given superior educational advantages and was for some years engaged as a teacher, in which work she proved herself to be both efficient and valuable as an instructor.

Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sykes. Irma was educated in the Monroe high school, and became a teacher of known ability. She later married Delbert D. Blackman and is a resident of her native town. Fannie E. is single and lives at home.

All the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lulu, Michigan, of which Mr. Sykes is one of the trustees. Mrs. Sykes and her husband have always been active workers in the Sunday school of the church, being prominent as teachers, and Miss Fannie Sykes is assistant secretary of the Sunday school. Mr. Sykes is a Republican, and has served his township as supervisor for six years. He has always been more or less identified with the political interests of the township, and is recognized as one of the solid men of the community.

LEOPOLD HOFFMAN. Coming to Monroe in the pioneer days, the late Leopold Hoffman was here actively identified with business and civic interests for more than thirty years, and here he gained large and worthy success as one of the world's productive workers. He was a man whose impregnable integrity gained and retained to him unqualified popular respect and esteem, and he played no insignificant part in connection with business activities in Monroe, so that his name merits an enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneers of this county. Thus it is a matter of consistency to incorporate in this publication a brief review of his career and a tribute to his memory.

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Leopold Hoffman was born in Oestringen, grand duchy of Baden, Germany, and the date of his nativity was November 28, 1816. He was but nine years of age at the time of the death of his parents, Anthony and Francesca (Rizer) Hoffman, and he was reared to maturity in the home of one of his brothers-in-law, with whom he remained until he was about twenty-three years of age and under whose direction he learned the trade of baker, in the meanwhile having availed himself of the advantages of the excellent schools of his native land. In December, 1839, Mr. Hoffman, who was then a young man of twenty-three years, severed the ties that bound him to the land of his birth and set forth to seek his fortunes in America, whither he came with limited capital but with generous endowment of energy, ambition and practical business ability. He sailed from Rotterdam, Holland, and landed in New York City, from which point he gradually made his way westward. Incidentally he found employment on the Ohio canal for nearly a year, and he made Monroe, Michigan, his destination. Here he engaged in the work of his trade, and soon he was enabled to develop a prosperous business in the conducting of a grocery, bakery and restaurant. In 1844 he returned to Germany to assist in the settlement of the estate of his father, the affairs of the same having been in charge of guardians, trustees and administrators during the long intervening years. After receiving his share of the ancestral patrimony Mr. Hoffman returned to his home in Monroe, after an absence of about one year, and here, on the 18th of November, 1845, in St. Mary's church, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Stephania Lammlin, daughter of Sebastian and Frances (Resteren) Lammlin, who had immigrated from Germany to America in an early day. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. P. M. Francis, of the Redemptorist order, who was at that time assistant to Rev. Father Louis Gillet, pastor of St. Mary's church. The devoted companionship of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman continued for more than a quarter of a century and the gracious relations were severed by the death of the loved wife and mother, who was summoned to the life eternal on the 28th of May, 1872. The names of the children of this union are here given, with respective dates of birth: Anthony, October 29, 1846; Seraphena, April 11, 1848; Mathilda, February 18, 1850; John Leopold, March 5, 1852; Bernard, October 22, 1854; Joseph Sebastian, November 28, 1856; Francis Joseph, January 4, 1859; William Aloyse, February 22, 1861; Helena Francesca, July 22, 1862; Clara Augusta, October 8, 1864; Henry Daniel, May 20, 1867; Edward, December 19, 1869; and Anna Theresa, May 20, 1872. Of these children Anthony, Helena F., and Anna T. are deceased. Seraphena still resides in Monroe and is the wife of Sebastian Lauer; Mathilda is the wife of Benjamin Sturn, of this city; John L. and Joseph S. are representative business men of Monroe; Clara A. is the wife of Frank Yeager, a prominent business man of Monroe; Henry D. is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Francis J. and William A. are prominent business men of Fenton, Genesee county, where Edward also resides; and Bernard is engaged in business in the village of La Salle, Monroe county.

Concerning the honored subject of this memoir the following pertinent statements have been made and are worthy of perpetuation: "Coming

to Monroe when a young man, Mr. Hoffman opened a grocery store, bakery and restaurant, and by his strict integrity and careful attention to business he built up a large and prosperous trade. While of a generous disposition and kind and liberal to his family, he was frugal and economical in his habits and thus was enabled to accumulate a large competency for his declining years. While he took no active part in politics Mr. Hoffman was known as a strict Democrat. In religion he was a devout and consistent communicant of the Catholic church, and he was for many years a trustee of St. Michael's church, in Monroe, to the erection of the edifice of which he contributed most liberally, as did he also to the parochial and general work of the great mother church of Christendom."

Shortly after the death of his loved wife, Mr. Hoffman returned to his native land, and at Oestringen, in Baden, Germany, the place in which he was born, he passed the closing period of his life. He did not long survive his cherished wife and helpmeet, as he passed to the life eternal on the 5th of November, 1874, after having been a resident of Monroe county, Michigan, for more than thirty years,—years marked by earnest and successful endeavor on his part. An honest and upright citizen, a faithful friend and a devoted husband and father, his death was deeply mourned by a large and interesting family of children and grandchildren, as well as by many valued and loyal friends in the community which so long represented his home. His mortal remains were laid to rest in his native town, but his name and services will not be forgotten in Monroe county, where he lived and labored to goodly ends and left the rich heritage of a good name.

DR. HERBERT E. KELLY has been located at Ida in Ida township since 1900, and with the passing years has found favor with the people who have had occasion to avail themselves of his professional skill and services, winning to himself an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon of ability, as well as a man of specific qualities of integrity and trustworthiness.

Born on a farm in La Salle township, in Monroe county, Dr. Kelly is a native son of the state, his birth occurring on November 6, 1873. He is the son of William J. and Mary J. (Kimball) Kelly, residents of Monroe county for the greater part of their lives. The father died in February 1911, but the mother still lives, and is a resident of Ida at the present time. Dr. Kelly was the youngest child of his parents, and he received such school advantages as the district schools of his township could afford up till he was fourteen years of age, when he entered the Monroe high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. He worked for a year on the home farm after his graduation, and in the fall of 1895 he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he pursued a four year course in medicine. In 1899 he was graduated from that institution with the degree of M. D. Immediately following that important event, the young doctor settled at Ottawa Lake, but his stay there was of the briefest, and in 1900 he located at Ida, which place has claimed his entire time and attention since locating.

Dr. Kelly is a member of the Monroe County and State Medical societies, and of the American Medical Association, as an aid to his profession, and with his studious nature and open mind, he is destined to ever move forward in his chosen profession, leaving behind him those who are content to be guided by what they learned in their university days, however complete and comprehensive that instruction might have been at the time. He is a member of the Samaria Lodge No. 348, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Bethel Lodge No. 431 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as Tent No. 841 of the Knights of the Maccabees. Dr. Kelly is a Republican, as regards his political preferences and inclinations, and he is at present serving in the capacity of health officer of Ida township. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Ida and a member of its board of trustees.

In May, 1902, Dr. Kelly was united in marriage with Miss Grace Middaugh, the daughter of Winfield Middaugh, and who was reared in La Salle township. She was educated in the public and high schools of South Bend, Indiana. They have two children,—Mildred, aged four years and Mary, one year old.

HON. SIMEON VAN AKIN, ex-state senator of the second district of Monroe county, Michigan, is one of the men who have ever been closely identified with the life of the county and state in a political way, and whose influence has never failed in its stimulus to upward and onward growth. He is a native of the state, born in Hudson, Lenawee county, on October 14, 1842, and is a son of Simeon and Lydia (Winslow) Van Akin. The Van Akin family is one which has been established in the United States since the middle of the eighteenth century, the first of the name coming over from Holland in about 1750. The Van Aukens originally written Van Aachen, and formed from the preposition Van, (from), and Aachen, (flowing waters) "From the Flowing Waters." The tradition is easy, as Aa had the long broad sound of "a" as in "author." Probably the article der (the) was formerly in the name, as Van der Aachen, but was dropped by the progressive descendants of the progenitor who hailed from the "Falling Waters." The first of that name we find is James Van Auken who lived on the banks of the Delaware in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania, having first seen the light upon this mundane sphere some time during the year 1740.

His wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Von Ben Scoten, to whom were born five children. Levi, born in 1770, had one daughter who married Cephas McCarty, and whose descendants still live in the town of Phelps, Ontario county, New York. One daughter married James Case, of Sodus, New York. One married Solomon Van Auken, whose descendants live near Newark, Wayne county, New York. One married Benjamin Van Auken; one a Mr. Russell, and one Westbrook Van Auken of Monroe county, Michigan. Charity, second child of James Van Auken, the elder, born in 1761, married Lodowick Van Demark, father of Frederick, Silas, William and Experience. The wife of Archibald Burnett, Charity, becoming a widow, subsequently married Charles Humphrey, whose descendants now live in Phelps, New York.

Anthony, the third child of James Van Auken, born in 1763, was

first married to a lady by the name of Hornbeck, by whom was born to him Benjamin, Lodowick, Levi, Cornelius and Elizabeth. Anthony subsequently married Martha McMath, by whom was born to him the following children: Allah, Rebecca, John, James, Mable, Archibald, Kelsey and Ruth. John Van Auken, fourth son of James, was born in 1768, in Pennsylvania, and was married to Margaret Westfall, by whom were born to him ten children, nine sons and one daughter. He emigrated from Pennsylvania with his wife and three children and settled in the town of Phelps, Ontario county, New York, in 1796. He erected a dwelling on the banks of Canandaigua Outlet, where he shortly after occupied six hundred acres of land, about five miles below the village of Phelps, Van Demark and Humphrey being neighbors south, Middaugh and Westfall west, and Showers north.

John Van Auken received a premium for services as drummer at the age of fourteen. He also met with others July 2, 1812, at Canandaigua, New York, and marched to Niagara frontier and was engaged more or less till the close of the war.

George Van Auken was captain of the Rifle Company, and was present as an escort to General La Fayette at Geneva in 1824.

Garrett Van Auken, fifth child of James the elder, remained on or near the old homestead in Pennsylvania, where it is supposed his descendants now live. A descendant of Garrett Van Auken was married about 1876 to Mr. Alfred Westfall and located in Phelps, Ontario county, New York.

The name Van Akin now known was changed to the present spelling about 1830, from the original Holland Van Auken.

Simeon Van Akin, the father of him whose name introduces this brief review, was born on the banks of the Delaware river, near Port Jarvis, Pennsylvania, on December 11, 1789, and he was the son of John and Margaret (Westfall) Van Akin, the son of James and Eliza (Von Bencoten) Van Akin. The Von Bencoten family, like the Van Akins, were originally from Holland, he of that name who founded the family in America coming over from that country in his early manhood with his wife in about 1770 and settling on the banks of the Delaware in Pennsylvania and there they passed the remainder of their lives, engaged for the most part in lumbering, and some farming in the later years of their lives. John Van Akin, the fourth son of James Van Akin, who established the family in America, was born in 1768. He married Margaret Westfall in his young manhood, and they reared a family of ten children, nine sons and one daughter. The eldest son was Simeon Van Akin, the first of that name in the American branch of the family. He was born on December 11, 1789, as mentioned in a previous paragraph, and when he was in his sixth year his parents moved to Phelps, Ontario county, New York, where the father, John Van Akin, became the owner of six hundred acres of valuable land. He passed the remainder of his life on this farm. There Simeon Van Akin was reared to manhood, and he came first to Michigan in 1823, and soon entered a tract of 160 acres of land from the government in the Bean Creek settlement. On a part of this land the city of Hudson in Lenawee county, Michigan, is located. He married Lydia Winslow

Spear, the widow of Lorenzo Spear, and they settled in Madison township, south of Adrian, in 1826. They became the parents of three children: Clarissa A., the widow of E. J. Southworth of Hudson, Michigan; Hon. Simeon Van Akin and William W. Van Akin, the latter of whom died in 1903.

Simeon Van Akin, of this review, was born on the farm which his father secured from the government in his first days in Michigan, and where he grew to manhood. He was educated, as a boy, in the district schools of his neighborhood, and when he was twenty years old, the breaking out of the Civil war brought his speedy enlistment in Company C, First Regiment Berdan Sharp Shooters, his detachment becoming a part of the Army of the Potomac. He was two years in the service and saw much of the activities of the war, participating in some of the most famous conflicts of the war period. In a volume entitled "Berdan's Sharp Shooters and the Army of the Potomac," on page 245, appears the statement that "Simeon Van Akin was one of five men who were detailed to guard the Twenty-third Georgia Regiment" during the battle of Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged in 1864 and promptly returned to his native county, soon after which he went to Rochester, New York, where he pursued a course of instruction in the Bryant & Startton Business College. He returned to Hudson, Michigan, one year later, and in 1866 he went on a trip to the West. Another year found him back in Hudson, his return being in the winter of 1867, and he was married on January 15th of that year to Miss Charlotte E. Southwick. She was born in Monroe, Michigan, on January 13, 1839, a daughter of Benjamin F. Southwick, who was one of the pioneers of Monroe county, Michigan, and a most estimable gentleman. He was a native of Vermont who migrated to Michigan in early life. He was engaged as clerk of the land office at the time the greater part of the Monroe county lands were taken up by homeseekers.

Mrs. Van Akin was educated in the schools of Monroe county. In 1869 the young couple came to Ida and settled on the west side of section 3, where they lived until in 1880 when Mr. Akin built the fine home where he now resides. They became the parents of two children,—Lee, born July 9, 1868, and Clara, born December 18, 1880. The son married Nellie E. Osborn on July 9, 1895, and less than three months after his marriage, September 20, 1895, he passed away. His widow still lives. The daughter also was taken from them by death, her death occurring on November 17, 1901, when she was in the very bloom of young womanhood. She was married on July 5, 1899, to Dr. William E. Silzer, surviving but one short year after her marriage. On November 19, 1909, the Van Akin home was once more bereaved, this time by the death of the wife and mother. She was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and an earnest and active worker in all departments of that organization, and her loss was keenly felt and sincerely mourned in all circles where she was known. She was a lady of culture and refinement, and her home was one of the gracious centers of hospitality in the town where she lived so many years.

In 1903, '04, '05, and '06 Mr. Van Akin was elected state senator

of the second district of Monroe county, Michigan, and in that office ably handled the matters intrusted to him by his constituents, proving himself a capable and valuable legislator. He is a Republican and has always been an active intelligent henchman of the party in his district. He has given worthy service to his town in various capacities, having been township supervisor for five years as well as town clerk and justice of the peace. His has been a life of activity, from his earliest years, and he has left his impress upon the town and county which has so long represented the center of his activities. In recent years he platted and laid out what is known as Van Akin Addition to the village of Ida, the location being on the west side of Main street and north of the railroad.

Mr. Van Akin maintains no fraternal relations beyond his membership in the Masonic order, of which he became a member on October 18, 1870.

DR. STANLEY O. NEWCOMB fills an important place in the life of the community in which he has been located since 1904, and to which he has confined his professional activities since the beginning of his medical career. He is a native son of Michigan, born in Carleton, Monroe county, in February, 1877, and is the son of Dr. Darwin E. and Emma (Du Paul) Newcomb. Dr. Newcomb, the father of Stanley O., was a graduate of the Detroit College of Medicine, and conducted a lively practice at Carleton for thirty years. He was a man of much ability, and a student all his life, and in the years which he devoted to his profession it was his privilege to do much for the alleviation of human suffering. He died on September 16, 1901. His widow is still a resident of Carleton. They were the parents of five children, of which number four were living in 1912. They are named as follows: Blanche, who married Dr. Arthur E. Ames, of Morris, Michigan; Dr. Stanley O.; Ralph, a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Bessie, a graduate of the Ypsilanti high school and now a student in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Charles, who died at the age of twenty years.

Dr. Stanley O. Newcomb was educated primarily in the public schools of his home town and later was a graduate of the Monroe high school. He then entered the Detroit College of Medicine, his father's Alma Mater, and after pursuing a four years course he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of M. D. He located in Ida, Michigan, in December, 1904, where he has since been engaged in general practice, and with the passing years has won to himself a most worthy clientele, and establishing a reputation for ability and skill, with a willingness to serve, which has brought him many firm and steadfast friends in and about the community. He is a member of the Monroe county and State Medical societies, and in a fraternal way is connected with Samaria Lodge No. 438 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a Republican and at the present time is filling the office of health officer of Raisinville township.

June 27, 1906, Dr. Newcomb was united in marriage with Miss Julia R. Snell, the daughter of Charles T. Snell, a lady of much refinement

and culture, and a descendant of one of the oldest families in Monroe county. They have two children,—Charles D., born May 13, 1908 and Margret E., born July 29, 1911.

Dr. and Mrs. Newcomb are highly esteemed in Ida and the surrounding community, where their sterling characters and kindly natures have won the confidence and regard of all with whom they come in contact, and the influence of their lives can not fail to have an uplifting effect upon the communal life of the village.

AMBROSE P. FALING. As proprietor and publisher of the *Petersburg Sun*, a popular and reliable newspaper published at Petersburg, Michigan, which he is editing with characteristic spirit and ability, Ambrose P. Faling holds a prominent position in business and journalistic circles of Monroe county, and in addition to being a versatile writer and successful newspaper man, has also taken a foremost place in the ranks of those who have prestige in public and social life. Mr. Faling is a native of the state of New York, where he was born August 20, 1865, and is a son of James E. and Mary E. (Fuller) Faling, and a grandson of Peter Faling, who spent his life in the Empire state.

James E. Faling was born and reared in New York state, where as a boy he attended the public schools, subsequently learning the miller's trade. After his marriage he came west to Adrian, Michigan, being head miller in an establishment in that city for some years, but subsequently removed to Morenci, Michigan, where his death occurred October 24, 1890, while his wife passed away September 30, 1902. They were the parents of four children, of whom three are living in 1912, namely: Neil, who is engaged in farming in Tennessee; Ambrose P.; and Frances, who is the wife of Isaac King, and resides in Los Angeles, California.

Ambrose P. Faling received his education in the public schools of Adrian, Michigan, and as a lad began to learn the trade of printer, an occupation which he first followed as an employe of the *Morenci Observer*. He held a position with that sheet as a compositor and job printer, incidentally learning much that was to prove of benefit to him in the newspaper field, and on September 20, 1891, came to Petersburg and purchased the equipment of the old *Petersburg Bulletin*, a paper which had become defunct through mismanagement. The young journalist settled down to work to gain the confidence and patronage of the citizens of Petersburg, who were soon attracted to the young man and his paper on account of his zeal, perseverance and courageous spirit, and because of the very apparent fact that he was determined to conduct his sheet along new lines, being fearless in his attacks on anything that he felt was detrimental to the best interests of his community, and stalwart in his support of all good measures and movements. As a natural consequence of this policy his paper gained subscribers rapidly and was soon on a sound financial basis, and he was able to move from the fifteen by fifteen feet upstairs room to a new building which he had erected, and in which he had placed some of the finest equipment to be purchased. The *Sun* is now recognized as one of the leading newspapers of Monroe county, and its editor as a wide-

awake, substantial, well-esteemed citizen. The proprietor and editor of a newspaper occupies a vantage ground which may make or mar a reputation, build up or break down a cause worthy of public approval or support, and for this reason the citizens of Petersburg and the surrounding country have reason for congratulation that the *Sun* is in such safe, sagacious and thoroughly clean hands.

Mr. Faling was married to Mrs. Ada May Cornell, who was born in Branch county, Michigan, August 19, 1865, daughter of Dr. Samuel L. Jones, and she died October 27, 1907, having been the mother of five children, of whom four are now living: Clara May, born September 12, 1893; Frances A., born August 5, 1896; Harry A., born June 21, 1903; and Margaret A., born October 9, 1906.

Fraternally, Mr. Faling is connected with Blanchard Lodge No. 102, of the Masonic fraternity, of which he has served as secretary and senior warden. He is a Democrat politically and cast his first presidential vote for President Cleveland, and he has been selected as delegate to county and state conventions to represent his party. He was president and councilman of the village council, on which he is now serving as a member. Mr. Faling's career demonstrates what can be accomplished by persistent effort and enterprise, for he came to his present locality practically empty-handed and by good management and ability has steadily worked his way upward.

EMANUEL S. LAUER, who is prominently identified with the business and political interests of Petersburg, bears an old and honorable German name, one that he has lived up to, his sterling character being generally recognized by his fellow citizens who have, on many occasions, placed their public interests in his hands. The various industries of Petersburg have grown and developed to an amazing extent during the past few years and the credit for this desirable state of affairs may be given to the enterprising business man, whose energy and modern methods have put the village on a sound financial basis, while co-operating with the village officials in looking after its municipal needs. It may be said of Mr. Lauer that he belongs to both classes, for not only is he one of Petersburg's representative business men, but he has also served efficiently in public office. He was born in Monroe, Monroe county, Michigan, December 6, 1850, and is a son of Sebastian and Phoebe (Seitz) Lauer, natives of the Fatherland. They had a family of three children: Lucy, the wife of J. Frederick Wagner, of Monroe, Michigan; Emanuel S.; and Ed. G. J. Lauer, who also lives in Monroe.

Emanuel S. Lauer was educated in the city of Monroe, attending the German Lutheran and public schools until he was thirteen years of age, at which time he was apprenticed to the trade of baker, an occupation which he followed for about fifteen years. He then turned his attention to farming in Monroe county, and for five or six years was engaged in tilling the soil but eventually entered a dry goods store, conducted by his brother at Monroe, and for a short time was employed as a clerk. In 1887, however, he decided to enter business on his own account, and after seeking for some time for a suitable location, chose Petersburg as his field of endeavor. He has had no reason to regret his choice, as

his success was assured from the start, and he has built up a trade that places him among the substantial men of his community. He is the owner of the building in which he carries on his business, and there has a large stock of dry goods and other articles demanded by his trade. Starting on nothing, he has built up one of the best trades in his line in the county, and his establishment is well and favorably known to the residents of the country surrounding for a radius of several miles. In various ways he has contributed to the growth and development of his section, and all movements calculated to benefit Petersburg meet with his approval and enlist his immediate support.

On June 10, 1896, Mr. Lauer was married to Miss Bertha C. Morse, who was born in Summerfield township, Monroe county, Michigan, and they have had three children, as follows: Helen M., aged fifteen years, and Eunice P., fourteen years old, both of whom are graduates of the eighth grade of the public schools; and Edward W., who is nine years old and is attending school. Mrs. Lauer is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is widely and favorably known as a church and charitable worker. In political matters her husband is a Democrat, and has served as township clerk of Summerfield township four years, and as president of the village board of Petersburg for two terms. He has many friends throughout this section who note with gratified interest his business success and political achievements.

THOMAS E. VERDON, well known and prosperous farmer of section 25, Ida township, was born on the farm he now owns, on July 23, 1874, the son of William R. and Barbara (Yarger) Verdon. The father, William R. Verdon, also claimed the Verdon farm as his birthplace, his natal day being in October, 1844; he died October, 1882. He was a son of Griffith Verdon, born in Monroe county. William R. Verdon was the father of seven children, of that number four sons and one daughter being alive today. They are: Thomas E., of this review; Henry L., George G., William R. and Wilma R.

The usual school advantages of the country youth fell to the lot of Thomas E. Verdon, and after he was sixteen years old he was occupied at work on the home farm until he reached his legal majority. When he was twenty years old he married Mary Rauch, on September 12, 1894. She was the daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Hartman) Rauch of Bedford township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Verdon, and three are living, viz.: Olive E., born February 21, 1896; Emery T., January 12, 1903; and Roy W., April 21, 1912. The family are members of the Evangelical church at Neria in Ida township.

The parents of Mrs. Verdon, Ephraim and Sarah (Hartman) Rauch, were natives of Pennsylvania and came from the Pennsylvania German stock. They emigrated to Monroe county, Michigan, in an early day and settled in Bedford township. The father was an agriculturist and a man who commanded the respect of all for his honesty of purpose. Both he and wife could speak the German and English language.

There were thirteen children in the Rauch family; six sons and seven daughters and the remarkable part of this is that all the children are living at present (1912).

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Father Rauch died about 1902, and Mother Rauch is yet living in Bedford township, and a member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Verdon is strictly a Republican politically and both he and wife are members of the Samaria Grange. Their oldest child, Olive, completed the eighth grade in the public schools and for her high scholarship and punctuality (not being absent during the entire nine months) she received a certificate of honor June 3, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Verdon are residing on the same piece of land which his grandfather, Griffith Verdon, purchased from the government and they have the old parchment deed executed under the hand and seal of President Andrew Jackson and bears the date of October 1, 1835, which is a valuable heirloom in the family. This is the fifth deed of the kind which the biographer has found in Monroe county, Michigan.

Mr. Verdon has acquired a fine farm of eighty acres in section 25, and is occupied in general farming, at which he has been more than usually successful, and also gives some attention to stock raising.

Mr. and Mrs. Verdon are people of high standing in the community where they have lived so many years, and are the honored representatives of two of the oldest families of that part of the county.

WILLIAM H. MASON, a well known farmer of Ida township, was born in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, on January 5, 1835, and is a son of Henry and Malinda (Brightman) Mason. The father was born in Seneca county, New York, on August 24, 1791, and died on June 13, 1878. The mother was born on February 24, 1797. They came to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1834, making the trip by wagon, and on arriving in Monroe county located in Bedford township, where they made their home until they passed away. Five children were born to them, of which number two are yet living,—Harriet, who married Lauren Crane and lives in Lenawee county, Michigan, and William H., the subject of this review.

Reared on his father's farm in Monroe county, William H. Mason attended the country school located at what was known as Mason's Corners. He received a good common school education, for his day, being well grounded in the study of the three R's and when he left school became at once engaged in farming. On August 15, he was united in marriage with Miss Christina W. Klink, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on October 11, 1837. She was educated in the schools of her native land to the age of ten years, when she came with her parents to the United States, and located in Monroe county, Michigan. There she resumed her studies, and secured a fairly good education in the schools of the district in which they lived. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mason: Sarah M. became the wife of A. L. Tuttle of Kansas; Charles H. married Ida Kinney, and lives in Toledo, Ohio; Helen F. is the wife of Loren Burwell, of Geneva, Ohio; Harriet J. married Ira A. Bolton, of Toledo, Ohio; George A. married Laura Bolton, and they live in Toledo, Ohio, also; Lewis M. Mason, Walter H. and Maude M. are unmarried and live at home. The daughters, Harriet and Helen, were school teachers prior to their marriages, and were known for capable and efficient instructors wherever they were employed. Walter

H. is a member of Samaria Lodge No. 438, A. F. & A. M., and is senior warden of the lodge and is also a member of the Eastern Star lodge. Lewis M., who is the sixth born of his parents' children, was born in 1875, on May 28th. He is one of the ambitious and energetic young farmers of Ida township, and has done some excellent work in connection with his management of his father's farm in recent years. He is a member of Samaria Lodge No. 438, A. F. & A. M. and is now serving his second year as master of the lodge. He is also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter No. 391, as are also his three sisters, Sarah, Harriet and Maude.

The family are not affiliated with any church in particular, but are known in the community for their high character and general integrity, independent of churchly relations. Mr. Mason is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge No. 438, and of Dundee Chapter, Royal and Select Masters. Politically speaking, he is a Democrat, and he has been prominent in party affairs all his life practically. He is a man of much influence in his community, and his fellow townspeople have shown their confidence in him by electing him to various township offices from time to time. Mr. Mason has come to be the owner of a fine fertile farm of 102 acres in section 35 in Ida township, which is now principally managed by his sons, as intimated in a previous paragraph, he having practically retired from the arduous duties of active farm life. He and his wife are the grandparents of eight children.

HARRY H. STERNS. Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, includes among its prosperous representative farmers the subject of this sketch, Harry H. Sterns, who was born and reared on the farm on which he now lives, a hundred-acre tract on section 25. Mr. Sterns dates his birth September 8, 1860, and he is the only child of Julius and Lavinie (St. Clair) Sterns, both deceased. His father, a native of Vermont, and his mother, of New York City, came to Michigan in early life, just after their marriage, and settled on a farm in what was then a pioneer locality. Here they lived and prospered, passed their lives and died, his death occurring in 1891, hers in 1907. Harry H., being an only child, inherited the farm and is continuing the work which his father began. He carries on diversified farming, and gives special attention to the raising of high grade Holstein cattle, keeping registered male stock. An important feature of his farm is his dairy.

In his youth, Mr. Sterns had good educational advantages. After finishing his studies in the district school near his home he was sent to Trinity school in Toledo, Ohio. And he married a Toledo girl, Miss Lulu A. Skeldon, their marriage being solemnized on October 30, 1883. To them have been given four children: Roy St. Clair, Ethel K., Robert L. and Harry R. The sons are all at home, the youngest being a child of four years. Their daughter is the wife of James Jackman.

Mr. Sterns has membership in the K. O. T. M. at Monroe. He voted

the Republican ticket, and has served his township in the capacity of highway commissioner and township treasurer. Both as a farmer and citizen he is representative of the locality in which he lives.

GEORGE A. STONE. In every community in Michigan are found men who have risen above their fellows in business and political life, not because they have had better advantages, but because their natural abilities created opportunities of which they were quick to take advantage. In a section like Monroe county, where good and reliable men are easily found, he who is given preferment above his fellows has indeed attained honor, and in this connection the career of George A. Stone, of Petersburg, is deserving of special mention. Mr. Stone was born in North Adams, Massachusetts, March 13, 1855, and is a son of George A. and Christine (Grosbell) Stone, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Germany. Some time after their marriage in Massachusetts, the parents of Mr. Stone came to Lenawee county, Michigan, there residing until the death of the father, after which the mother was again married. Mr. and Mrs. Stone had three children, of whom two are now living: Ida, the of C. M. Thompson, of Los Angeles, California, and George A.

George A. Stone grew to manhood in Lenawee county, and attended the district schools there until he was about eighteen years of age, at which time he joined the regular army, and for five years was a member of the command of General Crook. On receiving his honorable discharge, he came to Deerfield, Michigan, and entered the lumber business with his step-father, but after four years went to Sturgis, Michigan, and embarked in the hardware business, under the firm name of Stone & Kedzie. During the fall of 1886 he came to Petersburg, where he entered the sawmill business, and subsequently established lumber yards. Mr. Stone has been very successful in his business operations, and during his long residence in Petersburg has gained a reputation for honesty, integrity and capability, being known as an efficient and public-spirited citizen whose worth has been tried and not found wanting.

In 1879, Mr. Stone was married to Miss Jennie Kedzie, who was born in Deerfield, Michigan, and they have two children: George A., Jr., a graduate of the Detroit Law School, who owns and operates a private bank at South Boardman, Michigan; and Ida, a graduate of the Adrian College, for some years a teacher, and now the wife of Frank Sayre, now residing in Detroit.

Mrs. Stone is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Petersburg. Her husband's fraternal connections are with Blanchard Lodge No. 102, of the Masonic fraternity, of which he is past master, and with the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics a stalwart Democrat, he is known as an active party worker, and has been elected to positions of public responsibility and trust, serving four years as a member of the board of supervisors of Summerfield township, and as president of the village board. He is half owner of the Pittsford Commercial Bank and has interested himself in various other enterprises, and in business, political and social life has many friends, drawn about him by his many admirable traits of character.

PHILIP R. TOLL was born May 10, 1793, in Glenville, New York, of a very distinguished ancestry that settled at Hoffman's Ferry in 1685. The first ancestor, Charles Hansen Toll, served in the New York colonial legislature from 1714 to 1726; his son Daniel was killed with Nicholas DeGraff and thirty others in the battle of Brenkendale, July 18, 1748. The parents of the subject of this sketch, Charles R. Toll and Elizabeth Ryley, lived to the ages of eighty-six and eighty-eight respectively. The names of Daniel, Simon, Abram, Andrew, Isaac and Aaron De Graaf are honorably mentioned, as distinguished in the First and Second Infantry companies of 1715.*

Philip R. Toll was educated as a physician, but never practiced as such except gratuitously. His first business venture was in transportation of freight on the Erie canal, owning several boats, one of which he called the "General Jackson," another the "New Orleans," thus giving evidence of his political tendencies.

He served in the War of 1812, first as a sergeant, afterwards as a captain of dragoons or mounted artillery; was selected as guard at headquarters of Gen. Wade Hampton, in Canada.

He married, January 4, 1817, Nancy De Graaf; removed to Ovid, Seneca county, state of New York. In 1825 engaged in mercantile and produce operations, carrying on at the same time the manufacture of potash, hats, boots and shoes. At one time C. B. Murphy (later of Monroe) was a clerk of his brother-in-law, John I. De Graaf, his partner in business. Mr. Toll was one of the trustees of the Ovid Academy, and president of the village.

In 1834 he removed with his family to Centerville, St. Joseph county, and engaged in a general supply store, merchandise, drugs and medicines, and the manufacture of tinware and leather, mostly supplying the eastern half of St. Joseph county, west part of Calhoun and south part of Kalamazoo counties. He built saw and flouring mills at Fawn river, in the same county, and removed there with his family in 1838. He united with the Dutch Reformed church before his marriage at Schenectady, and at Centerville assisted in forming the first "Christian Association of Believers," so called, the sparse population not then permitting the founding of any denominational church in this place as well as at Fawn river and paying from his own resources the salary and expenses of the Rev. Mr. Day. Mr. Toll's labors at Fawn river were great and exhaustive, in clearing wild land into farms spending the products from his mills, supervising the interests of a growing community, moulding the Christian and educational interests as well. In December, 1836, was one of the delegates from St. Joseph county to the convention for accepting or rejecting the terms proposed by congress for the admission of Michigan into the Union, and a delegate from the same county to the Niles convention for the improvement of the navigation of the St. Joseph river.

In October, 1852, he removed with his family to Monroe, purchasing the house now occupied by his son, Charles Toll, on Elm avenue. He died August 17, 1862, of malarial fever, after a brief illness. Nancy

* Professor Pierson's History.

De Graaf, his widow, was born September 18, 1797, the daughter of Isaac De Graaf, who served during the entire period of the War of the Revolution, and was judge of the common court pleas of New York. He took the oath prescribed by congress in 1778, which was administered by Gen. John I. de LaFayette. His son, John I., was the first president of the Mohawk & Hudson Railroad. His nephew, Col. Isaac D. Toll, now of Petoskey, accompanied him on the first through train, with Thurlow Weed and others. In a letter from Commodore McDonough, dated September 14, 1814, addressed to Mr. De Graaf, he says: "It was owing to his assistance and means furnished by him, he was able to get the fleet ready to meet the enemy on Lake Champlain, whereby he obtained his great victory. The United States Government was powerless to aid him, Washington having been burned by the British about that time."

CHARLES TOLL, retired capitalist, Monroe, Michigan, who is numbered among the prominent citizens of Monroe county, was born in the city of Schenectady, New York, in 1830. His father was Philip Toll, a native of New York, and was educated as a physician but never engaged actively in the practice. The first business of Philip R. Toll was in the transportation of freight on the Erie canal, owning several boats, one of which was called the "General Jackson," another the "New Orleans," thus giving evidence of his political tendencies. He served in the War of 1812, first as a sergeant, afterwards as a captain of dragoons or mounted artillery was selected as guard at headquarters of Gen. Wade Hampton in Canada. He married, January 4, 1817, Nancy De Graaf, removed to Ovid, Seneca county, state of New York. In 1825 engaged in the mercantile and produce business, carrying on at the same time the manufacture of potash, hats, boots and shoes. At one time C. B. Murphy, (later of Monroe), was a clerk of his brother-in-law, John I. De Graaf, his partner in business. Mr. Toll was one of the trustees of the Ovid Academy and president of the village. In 1835 he removed his family to Centerville, St. Joseph county, engaged in a general supply store, merchandise, drugs and medicines and the manufacture of tin and leather, mostly supplying the eastern half of St. Joseph's county. In 1852 he removed with his family to Monroe, purchasing the house now occupied by his son, Charles Toll, on Elm avenue. He died August 17, 1862. Nancy De Graaf, his widow, was born September 18, 1797, a daughter of Isaac De Graaf.

Charles Toll was educated in the schools of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and for a time attended a select school at Ontario, Indiana, after which he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, graduating from the literary department in 1855, read law with the Hon. Elisha J. Mann, also with the noted law firm of Storer & Seagael of New York. He then took a law course at the Albany Law School, New York, graduating in 1854; after graduating he opened an office in New York City where he remained for some time. In 1858 he came to Monroe county, Michigan, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising for a number of years, then removed to the city of Monroe where he engaged largely in the sale of seeds and shipping, then to various cities of the United

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States and for a time was engaged in handling grain, buying and shipping over the Great Lakes and continued until he retired. In politics a Democrat, was alderman of the First ward for six years, was county coroner for two years, was elected city recorder and ex-officio mayor of the city of Monroe, was the first county superintendent of the Monroe county schools. In 1869 he was nominated for state senator, his opponent being George Pleas, was a member of the board of education for nineteen years, four years chairman of the same. As a Democrat he took a very active part in local and state politics, he has large holdings in real estate, he is a prominent Mason, belonging to Monroe Lodge No. 27, F. & A. M., Monroe chapter No. 22, R. A. M., Monroe commandery No. 19, K. T.

Mr. Toll from his long residence in Monroe is well known and is one of the old residents still living who can relate many of the old incidents of the early days and reminiscences. His residence, which is a land-mark on East Elm avenue is a palatial brick, the grounds of which are extensively ornamented with elm trees and the sugar maple, with attractive grounds, thus securing an imposing and stately appearance. Here Mr. Toll is passing his declining years in comfort and quietude, he and his sister being the only occupants of the palatial home.

LEWIS C. KNAPP, M. D. There are many salient points which render specially consonant the recognition of Dr. Knapp in this history of his native county. Not only has he attained to high vantage place as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the county and as one of its influential and honored citizens, but he is also a scion of a family whose name has been closely and worthily linked with the annals of Monroe county since the territorial epoch in the history of Michigan. His maternal grandfather likewise was one of the sterling pioneers of this county, and the lineage on both sides is traced back to staunch German origin. In addition to controlling a large and substantial professional practice Dr. Knapp has other and important interests in his home city and county and is known as a progressive and public-spirited citizen whose influence and aid are invariably given in support of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community. He is president of the Monroe State Savings Bank, one of the staunch financial institutions of the county and has other capitalistic interests of varied character.

On the old family farmstead, adjoining the little hamlet of Raisinville, Monroe county, Dr. Knapp was born on the 28th of February, 1868, and he is a son of Frederick and Julia (Ruehle) Knapp, both likewise natives of this county. Frederick Knapp was born in Raisinville, in the year 1842, and passed his entire life in this county, where he devoted his active career to the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing and where he gained substantial prosperity through his well directed endeavors. He was a man of ability and impregnable integrity and ever commanded secure place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men, the while he was an influential factor in connection with civic affairs of a local order. He served in the Civil war in the Sixth U. S. Cavalry. His father, Ludwig Knapp was born and reared in Germany and immi-

grated to America when a young man. This worthy pioneer came to the territory of Michigan in 1824, about thirteen years prior to the admission of the state to the Union, and he settled in Monroe county, where he reclaimed a productive farm from the forest wilds and where he continued to reside until his death. He was known for his energy, good judgment and sterling attributes of character, and his name merits enduring place on the roll of the founders and upbuilders of this favored section of the Wolverine state, to which he came after a brief residence in the state of New York. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Knapp was Martin Ruehle, who was born in Germany, and was a boy at the time of his immigration to America. After his marriage he came to Detroit and subsequently to Parsonville township, Monroe county, and here he passed the residue of his life, a substantial citizen and prosperous farmer and a man who ever commanded high esteem in the community. The mother of Dr. Knapp was summoned to the life eternal in 1905 and the father is living. Eight children also survive.

Dr. Knapp was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and in the public schools of the locality he secured his early educational training. In 1888 he entered the medical department of the great University of Michigan and in the same he was graduated as a member of the class of 1891. He received his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine and came forth admirably fortified for the work of his chosen profession. He has been engaged in active general practice in the city of Monroe from the time of his graduation, and his success has been on a parity with his fine ability and earnest devotion to his chosen calling. In 1895 he completed an effective post-graduate course in one of the leading institutions of New York City and during the long years of his active practice he has kept in close touch with the advances made in the sciences of medicine and surgery, as he has been an appreciated student of the best of the standard and periodical literature of his profession and has been active in his identification with various professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Michigan State Medical Society and the Monroe County Medical Society. No physician in Monroe county controls a more substantial and representative practice, and he has been the guide, counselor and friend to many of the families to which he has ministered in a professional way, so that he holds a secure place in the affectionate regard of the people of his native county.

In 1905 Dr. Knapp was associated with the organization and incorporation of the Monroe State Savings Bank, and he has been from the inception a valued member of its directorate. Upon the death of Edward Dull, he was elected to succeed the latter in the office of president of this bank, and of this office he has been the incumbent since January, 1911. As chief executive he has shown much circumspection and conservatism in the administration of the affairs of the institution and he has been from the start a strong factor in connection with the promotion of its interests. The bank bases its operations upon a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars and is recognized as one of the leading financial institutions of Monroe county. The Doctor is also a member of the directorate of the Monroe Binder Board Company, which represents one of the most flourishing industrial enterprises of the metropolis and

judicial center of his native county. In politics, though never imbued with aught of desire for official preferment, Dr. Knapp accords a staunch allegiance to the Republican party. In his home city Dr. Knapp is affiliated with Monroe Lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons; Monroe Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; and Monroe Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templars; besides which he is a member of Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in the city of Detroit.

On the 24th of February, 1897, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Knapp to Miss Alida Kemmerling, who was born and reared in Monroe county, where her father is living. John Kemmerling established his home many years ago, his active career having been one of close and successful identification with agricultural pursuits.

HENRY C. KINSEY, who has for years been prominent in the agricultural life of Erie township, was born in that township, Monroe county, on December 14, 1856. He has carried on farming pursuits in section 5 of Erie township since 1895, and is now the owner of a seventy acre farm in one of the most prolific farming districts in the state. He has not always been identified with farming interests, however, although reared on the farm of his father and thus occupied until he reached his majority. Thereafter for twenty-two years Mr. Kinsey was actively engaged in the sawmill business and became well known through his connection with that industry. Mr. Kinsey is the son of Mannassas and Sarah A. (Blouch) Kinsey, and the grandson of David and Catharine (Rhodes) Kinsey. The family is of Scotch origin and the name Kinsey comes from the good old name MacKenzie, of Scottish fame. Mannassas Kinsey came to Monroe county in the fall of 1855, locating immediately in Erie township. There he made his home and passed the remainder of his life, both he and his wife passing away in the home they established in their young life. An interesting sidelight on the early experiences of these hardy pioneers is told by the subject, who in his turn often heard the story from the lips of his parents. When they came to Monroe county from Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, where Mannassas Kinsey was born and reared, they made the trip by boat to Toledo, Ohio. There was no railroad from Toledo to Monroe county, and the young people were disappointed in not being met by their friends, so set forth on foot in the direction of Monroe county. The subject's sister Mary was then an infant of about one year, and the father carried her the entire distance which they traversed on foot, a distance of about twelve miles. When they reached the place where Charles S. Choate now lives they encountered their friends, and the remainder of the trip was made in comparative ease and comfort. In their Erie home they reared a family of seven children, all of whom grew to years of manhood and womanhood. Mary became the wife of John Studer of Toledo; Thomas B. married Hattie Eighmey and lives at Milan, Michigan; Sarah A. and David are deceased; Elmer E. married Angeline Santschi of Erie; Frank married Phoebe Rang; Henry C., who was the second born of the seven children of his parents, was reared on the Erie township farm where he was born. He was edu-

cated in the district schools and his advantages were not greater than those of the average country bred youth of that period. When he was but twenty-one years old he left the home farm and went to Kansas, there remaining for two years, and when he returned to his Michigan home he entered the sawmill business in Erie township, there conducting a sawmill industry for a matter of twenty-two years. When he finally gave over his interests in that enterprise Mr. Kinsey became engaged in farming, and became the owner of a fine farm of seventy acres, which he has since continued to operate with all success, winning as high reputation in farming circles as he did in the sawmill business, to which he devoted twenty-two years of the best part of his life. He is regarded today as one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Erie township, and ranks among the leading citizens of his community.

Mr. Kinsey has been twice married. In September, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Remkie, who was born in Indiana. They became the parents of two children: Cora, who married Albert Metty, is living at this time in Kansas City, Missouri; Grace died when an infant. In 1886 Mr. Kinsey was married to his second wife, Miss Barbara Kapler, who was a native of Indiana. Eight children were born to them, all of whom are living in 1912. There are five sons and three daughters, named as follows: Grover, Myrtle, Clyde, Mortimer, Samuel, Carroll, Ruth and Eunice.

Mr. Kinsey is without doubt one of the most popular and prominent men of his section of the county. He has been a leader in political and fraternal affairs for years. As a Democrat of influence, he has been active in the politics of the township and county for a great while, and for twelve years was chairman of the Democratic township committee. He is well read in matters of a political nature, and in every way fitted to be a leader. Some of the offices to which Mr. Kinsey was elected to and served in were: constable for several terms, elected as justice of peace but did not qualify, deputy under Sheriff Hilton for four years, and held the same office under Sheriff Rod for four years. Fraternal affairs have claimed a share of his attention, and he is a member of Lodge No. 19 of Monroe Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also a member of Encampment No. 190 and Melita Rebekah Lodge No. 55. He has been identified with much of the activities of these societies in Monroe county. He is past noble grand of the order in his locality and is a member of the grand lodge of the state of Michigan.

Mr. Kinsey is a man whose influence has been felt in many and varied spheres of activity in Erie township and throughout the county, and his lifelong residence there, together with his estimable character and excellent habits of industry and integrity, have been sufficient to win for him a place of especially high order in the esteem of his fellow residents.

DANIEL E. LA POINT. Careful economy and continued, well directed industry are factors which have entered into the plans and purposes of most of the successful farmers of this country. Especially is this true of the subject of this sketch, Daniel E. La Point. He began operations on a rented farm. Today he is the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of well improved land, well cultivated and well stocked, and he

and his family occupy a commodious and attractive residence in Erie, which he built in 1893.

Mr. La Point, as his name indicates, is of French descent. His parents, Louis and Monique (Duval) La Point, were natives of Erie township, the former born March 4, 1827, the latter in August, 1826, both of Canadian parentage; and it was in this township, in July, 1854, that Daniel E. was born, one of a family of six children, of whom five are living at this writing (1912)—he and his four sisters, namely: Emma, wife of David Rowe; Maggie, wife of John Vice; Mary, wife of Knotte A. Berin, and Miss Florence.

Reared in a frontier community where there was plenty of work to be done and little opportunity for attending school, Daniel E. La Point's educational advantages were limited. He did farm work for his father until he was twenty-two years of age. Then he married and settled on a rented farm, and began operations on his own account, with the result above stated.

It was on January 8, 1878, that he took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Elizabeth Cousino, daughter of Gilbert and Mary (Knaggs) Cousino. She was a native of Monroe county, born in Bedford township August 7, 1858. The children of this union are as follows: Alvin W., who married Bernise Villiquet; Addison C., who married Irene Pate; Lillie, wife of Milton Pate; Ada, wife of Oscar Robert; and Evaline, Clifford, Edna and Lorine, at home.

Mr. La Point and his family are devout members of the Catholic church, having membership at Erie, and, politically, he has always affiliated with the Democratic party, not, however, being active in politics.

HENRY W. NISWENDER is a well-to-do farmer of section 7, Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan. Honest, pleasant to meet, the community holds him in high respect. He is much interested in church work, and besides being an active member is a trustee of the Evangelical church near his farm. As a Civil war veteran he is also a member of the Lawton Post 452 G. A. R. Although he is a Republican in politics he has never taken much part in local affairs from that standpoint.

Mr. Niswender's father, Henry Niswender, was the son of Peter Niswender, whose wife was Miss Repp and who were probably of Swedish descent. Mr. Niswender came to Michigan in 1872 and settled in Erie township, remaining there until his death in 1886. His first wife, Henry W. Niswender's mother, died in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1851, and he was married again to Miss Bentsman. They became the parents of a large family, but of Henry W.'s own brothers and sisters none have survived. Benjamin died while serving the country as a soldier; Wilson died at home; Lucy, when her death took place, was the wife of Bina Harbrook; Franklin died at the age of three years; and Catherine died in infancy.

Henry W. Niswender was born in Wayne county, Ohio, September 7, 1845, and was raised on the farm, receiving his education from the district schools. When he was sixteen years old he left school to help his father on the farm, but three years later, deciding his country needed him, stopped his work to enlist in Company G, Sixty-seventh O. V. I.

entering the army October 1, 1864. His company was a part of the Army of the Potomac so that he was in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Ft. Gregg, Petersburg, and Richmond. He helped drive General Lee to Appomattox, and was present at his surrender. At the close of the war he was discharged at Richmond, and returned to Wayne county to work on the farm, where he remained until his marriage took place February 28, 1867, to Mary Walker. Miss Walker, who was born in Wayne county, June 3, 1846, was the daughter of James Walker, a native of Scotland, and Catherine Helsel of Pennsylvania Dutch parentage. She was raised on a farm and educated in the common schools.

Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Niswender left Ohio for Illinois, and then later Nebraska. Neither state suited them however so that in 1871 they came on to Michigan and settled in Erie township, Monroe county. They became the parents of ten children, six of whom are still living, Tillie, the wife of Henry Walters, Mary, the wife of William Hines of West Salem, Ohio, Hiram, who married Mattie Eaton of La Salle and lives in Wyandotte, Michigan, Ella, the wife of George Uekele of Erie township, Earl, who married Edna Hines of West Salem, Ohio, and lives in Erie township, and Roy, who married Ruth Hines of West Salem, Ohio, and living in Erie Township.

Mr. Niswender is a pensioner of the government and is the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of land in Erie township.

LEVI M. MILLER, of Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, is a competent and able farmer, and is held in high esteem for his honesty and general honor in business dealings among his neighbors. He does general farming and is the owner of two farms, one of forty acres in Erie, and one of twenty-nine in Bedford township. He and his family take an active interest in the affairs of the Evangelical church, and are among the first to be called upon in any affair demanding time and judgment. Mr. Miller is also a member of the Samaria Grange. He has never taken much interest in politics although he ordinarily votes the Republican ticket. Besides his farming interests he has invested in life insurance, and holds a policy in the Bankers' Life.

Mr. Miller was born in Wayne county, Ohio, April 16, 1871, one of three sons, the children of Noah and Margaret (Hosenton) Miller. Mr. Miller, Sr., who was a native of Pennsylvania, died recently in Clair county, Michigan. His wife, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, is still living in Erie township. Of Levi Miller's two brothers, one, George E. married Tressa Ruch and lives in Clair county, and the other, Charles H. married Daisy Cornpropel of Erie township.

Levi M. Miller was four years old when his parents brought him to Monroe county. He attended the district schools near his home until he was sixteen years old, studying in the winter and working out by the day in the summer. For the next ten years, until he was able to buy his own land, he rented a farm and worked it. December 25, 1897, he was married to Della May Rauch, who was born and educated in Bedford township. They have had two children, Edna M. born May 17, 1899, and Hazel Irene, born September 5, 1907.

AUGUSTUS A. DOHM. Among the successful farmers and representative citizens of Monroe county, Michigan, is included the subject of this sketch, Augustus A. Dohm, who owns one hundred acres of land in Bedford township and one hundred fifteen acres in Erie township, his home being on the latter tract, which was owned by his father before him, Charles Dohm.

Charles Dohm was a native of Germany. He came to America in early life, and in Michigan met and married Miss Jane Young, a native of Whiteford, Monroe county, this state. After their marriage they settled down to farm life in Erie township, where they lived until her death, following which he moved to Monroe, where he passed the closing years of his life and died. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living: Samuel, of California; William of Toledo, Ohio; Carl, of Arizona; Wilmina, wife of Edward Schlotter of California; George S., of Toledo, Ohio, and Augustus A.

Augustus A. Dohm was born on his father's farm, November 30, 1860, and passed his youthful days attending district school in winter and in summer assisting with the farm work. At the age of eighteen he entered a commercial college in Toledo, Ohio, where he pursued a business course. The farm, however, held more attraction for him than the city, and he returned home and devoted his energies to general farming and stock raising.

June 30, 1889, Mr. Dohm and Miss Eva Adell Karr were united in marriage, and they are the parents of five children: Jennie B., Walter K., Eva Adell, Orval A. and Helen E. The eldest daughter is a teacher in the public schools of Erie township, as was her mother before marriage. Mrs. Dohm is a native of Erie, and was reared and educated here, also at Dundee, Michigan, where she attended high school.

The Dohm family are identified with the Presbyterian church of Erie and Mr. Dohm is one of its elders. Politically, he is a Democrat, taking an active interest in local affairs, and at this time being justice of the peace of Erie township. He has membership in Tent No. 813, K. O. T. M.

As an up-to-date, enterprising farmer, and as a citizen with the best interests of his community at heart, he is held in high esteem by all who know him.

JAMES C. POTTER. A veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, and a pioneer of southeastern Michigan, James C. Potter's life has been one replete with interesting events. A detailed account of his experiences would fill volumes. In this connection, however, space permits only a brief resumé.

James C. Potter was born at Black Rock, Erie county, New York, March 5, 1824, son of Henry and Eliza (Lee) Potter. The Potter family originated in England, and it was there that Henry Potter's father was born, but Henry Potter was a native of Otsego, New York. The history of the Lee family is not traced beyond New York. Eliza Lee was born at Black Rock, New York, and her father was a captain in the War of 1812. In Erie county, New York, Henry Potter and Eliza Lee were married, and there they lived until after his death,

which occurred in 1828. Subsequently she removed with her two children, James C. and Jennie Ann, now the widow of Thomas Mears, to Venice, Ohio, where she spent the rest of her life and died.

When the Mexican war was inaugurated, James C. Potter, filled with a spirit of patriotism and adventure, tendered his service to the United States, and as flag sergeant of Company C, Stockton's Battalion, showed his loyalty and bravery and proved that he was made out of the right kind of stuff. On one occasion, while his command was crossing the St. Gabriel river, and he was planting the American flag high up in a tree, he was shot in his right arm, and his hat rim was pierced in three places. Notwithstanding his wound, he continued with the army to Los Angeles.

At the close of the Mexican war, Mr. Potter returned to Ohio and settled down at Venice, his old home. Afterward he went to Sandusky, Ohio, where for several years he filled the position of superintendent of Oakland cemetery. While at Sandusky he organized a company and drilled it for service.

During the war, Mr. Potter was for a time a seaman on the brig "Columbia," under Captain Baker, and while there contracted cholera. The attack, however, was of short duration.

In 1862, Mr. Potter enlisted in the Union army, as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and served a short term.

He was a pensioner of the Mexican war, and is the only Mexican soldier now living in this part of Michigan, where he moved from Sandusky, Ohio, in 1869. Here, in Erie township, Monroe county, he owns 194 acres of land, and here he has been interested chiefly in agricultural pursuits.

March 5, 1848, James C. Potter and Eliza Whipple were married, and for sixty-four years they have traveled life's pathway together. Mrs. Potter was born and reared in Sandusky, Ohio. They have one son living, F. C. Potter, who is married and has five children, three sons and two daughters.

Mr. Potter is a member of the Sons of Malta, and of the Erie Shooting Club, and for the past fourteen years he has been superintendent of the club. Politically he is a Republican. At one time he served as deputy sheriff of his county.

He and his good wife are held in high esteem by their large circle of friends and acquaintances.

JOHN B. TRABBIC, who owns and occupies a fine farm of 250 acres in Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, is a son of Peter Trabbic, one of the pioneers of this locality, and was born on the Trabbic homestead in Erie township, April 9, 1855, fourth in a family of nine children.

After attending the district schools, John B. was sent to South Bend, Indiana, to Notre Dame, and later to high school at Toledo, Ohio. Then he worked for his father a few years, until his marriage, when he settled down to farming operations on his own account. Success has

followed in the wake of his well directed efforts, and he ranks today with the leading farmers of his locality.

May 28, 1878, Mr. Trabbie and Miss Lydia May Morross were united in marriage, and for nearly a decade they traveled life's pathway together, until death claimed her on June 1, 1887. She was a native of Erie township, Monroe county, born September 13, 1859, daughter of Charles and Agathy Morross, and the mother of five children, all of whom have had good educational advantages and home training, their mother's sister, Mrs. Bishop, widow of Charles Bishop, having presided over the home since her death. The children in order of birth are as follows: Dean S., born January 26, 1878, married Irene Black; Mabel, born May 15, 1881, is the wife of Felix Beurfield; Grace, born September 11, 1882, is the wife of Frank La Pouint; James, born August 17, 1885, and Hazel, December 16, 1887, are at home.

Mr. Trabbie was born and brought up in a Catholic home, as also was his wife, and in this faith their children have been reared. Politically, Mr. Trabbie is a Democrat, not, however, taking an active part in party affairs. As an honorable, upright man he stands high in his community.

VICTOR M. TRABBIE. The agricultural interests of Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, have substantial representation in the Trabbie families. Victor M. Trabbie, who owns 160 acres of choice land and occupies the old Trabbie homestead, sections 28 and 29 of this township, was born here May 28, 1861, sixth in a family of nine children. He received his education in the district school and the Dayton Academy, spending two years as a student at the latter institution. Then he settled down to farming, and has since followed the same line of endeavor in which his father was engaged, cultivating the usual crops of this locality, and raising sufficient stock with which to operate his farm and having some for sale each year.

January 16, 1888, Victor M. Trabbie and Addie La Point were united in marriage, and with the passing years children to the number of five have come to bless their home, namely: Percella, wife of Moses Cusino of Monroe, Michigan; Marie, wife of Jasper Cusino, of La Salle, Michigan; Ashton, a student in the Davis Business College of Toledo; Eileen, a student in the Metropolitan Business School of Toledo, Ohio; and Orlando, attending common school. The two married daughters studied music at St. Mary's Academy at Monroe, Michigan, it being the intent of Mr. and Mrs. Trabbie to afford their children good educational advantages. Mrs. Trabbie is a native of Bedford township, Monroe county. The family are members of St. Joseph's church at Erie, and, politically, Mr. Trabbie has always affiliated with the Democratic party, ever taking an active and enthusiastic interest in local affairs. The only fraternal organization with which he is identified is the K. O. T. M. of Erie.

DR. SILAS V. DASSEAU of Erie, Michigan, is held in high esteem both by his fellow physicians and by the community at large. Besides his high reputation as a physician he is known as a man of public spirit

whose interests are broad enough to include the affairs of the town as well as his own.

Born in Erie, May 18, 1868, he was the third child in a family of five sons and five daughters, the son of Victor and Catharine (Morrin) Dasseau. Both his father, who is now dead, and his mother were natives of Michigan. Doctor Dasseau spent his childhood in Erie, attending the public schools there, and finishing his general education in the high school at Monroe. For the two winters following his graduation from high school he taught school, and then entered upon his medical course. He attended lectures in both the Toledo Medical College and the Kentucky School of Medicine, receiving his M. D. degree in the June of 1892. The next fall he began practice at Erie, Michigan, where he has remained ever since except for a short time during 1911 when he took a post graduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic. He is a member of the Monroe County Medical Society and the Michigan State Medical Association. He votes the Independent ticket although he believes in a great many of the principles of the Democratic party.

November 4, 1899, Doctor Dasseau was married to Agnes M. Lowanger, a music teacher of some note. She was educated in St. Mary's College of Monroe, Michigan. Both the doctor and his wife attend St. Joseph's Catholic church and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

FRED L. BUYEA, cashier of the Bank of Erie at Erie, Michigan, since January 1, 1906, was born at Vernon, Shiawassee county, Michigan, July 23, 1869, and is the son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Yorton) Buyea. Both were natives of New York state, who came to Michigan soon after their marriage. The father possessed a good common school education and passed his life in Michigan in farming pursuits. He was fairly successful, and lived to the age of sixty-eight years. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a Democrat in his political faith, and lived a quiet, but helpful life in his home community. The mother died at Vernon, Michigan, when she was in her seventy-third year.

The home farm represented the center of his activities until Fred Buyea was twenty-one years old. He had secured a common school education and in odd moments had learned the Morse code, and when he quitted the farm on reaching his majority he entered the telegraph business. He was relief agent and operator for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway at Rockwood, Michigan, for two years, then came to Erie as agent and operator, and was engaged at Erie for the same road for about twelve years, when he entered the employ of Freidenberg, Dansard & Company as cashier of the Bank of Erie. He assumed the duties of his new position on January 1, 1906, and is still the incumbent of that office.

Mr. Buyea is a Democrat, and in the years of his residence in Erie has filled the office of township treasurer for four years, and is at present a member of the school board, in both of which places he has done good work for his town. He is on the whole, a citizen of worth, and has assumed his full share of the civic burden in the life of the community. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and a leader of the church



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choir. Fraternally, he is a member of Samaria Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was master of that lodge for four years, being now its youngest past master.

In July, 1896, Mr. Buyea was married to Stella K. Hilton, who died on March 18, 1900, leaving a son and daughter. The daughter, Christine H., is fifteen years of age, while the son, Kenneth E., is now thirteen years old. On June 12, 1907, Mr. Buyea was married to Miss Harriet E. Kirtland. One son has been born to them,—Gerald F. Buyea, now three years of age.

VICTOR SISUNG, M. D. Within the pages of this historical work will be found specific mention of a goodly number of the representative physicians and surgeons of Monroe county, and in this connection there is especial gratification in according such consideration to Dr. Sisung, by reason of the fact that he is a native of the county and a scion of one of its old and honored families, the name which he bears having been linked with the history of this county for more than half a century. The doctor is a man of high intellectual and professional attainments and his success in his chosen vocation offers the best voucher, not only for his technical ability but also for his personal popularity in the community in which he sets at naught all application of the scriptural aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." He is engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of Monroe and is known and honored as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of that county which has been his home from the day of his birth.

Dr. Sisung was born near the old homestead farm in the township of Frenchtown, this county, on the 26th of November, 1868, and is a son of James and Celia (Bonnell) Sisung, both of whom were born in the province of Alsace-Lorraine, France, now a German province, the birth of the father occurring in the year 1831 and that of the mother in 1830, and their marriage taking place in Hilbesheim, Lorraine. James Sisung was reared and educated in his native land and there received an excellent general training. He came to America when a young man and in 1857 he established his home in the fine old French settlement of Monroe county. He eventually accumulated a fine estate of two hundred acres in Frenchtown township, and was known as one of the representative agriculturists and substantial citizens of the county, where he ever commanded a secure place in popular confidence and esteem. He was a Democrat in his political faith and was called upon to serve in various public offices of local order. He died in 1891, his devoted wife having preceded him one year, she passing away in 1890. They became the parents of eight children, of which number three sons and one daughter are now living.

Dr. Sisung passed his boyhood days on the old farm home and early familiarized himself with many of the duties incident to rural life, while he availed himself of the advantages of the public schools of the township. This schooling was supplemented by two years of study in the State Normal School at Ypsilanti and further by a short term of attendance at the Michigan State Agricultural College, near Lansing. (He taught in the rural and village schools for two years.) In the meantime

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he has formulated definite plans for his life work and his earlier education gave him special reinforcement for that of technical order. In 1892 he was matriculated in the Detroit College of Medicine, in which he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1895, after which he served for a year as interne in St. Mary's hospital, in Detroit, where he gained valuable clinical experiences. At the expiration of that time he opened an office in the city of Monroe, where he has since been established in successful general practice and where he has secured a representative clientage. He subordinates all else to the demands of his profession, is a close and appreciative student of its best literature and keeps in touch with the advances made in both medical and surgical science, so that his success has not been a matter of accident, but a logical result. He served eight years as county physician and did most excellent work in this office, and he served two terms as mayor of the city of Monroe. The doctor is actively identified with the Monroe County Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In politics he is found a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party; and he is affiliated with the local organization of the Knights of Columbus.

On the 18th of October, 1897, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Sisung to Miss Winifred O'Brien Sexton, of Memphis, Tennessee, and they have three sons, Blaise, Francis, and Victor, Jr.

STEPHEN D. FORMAN, who owns and occupies a farm on section 31, Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, was born in Bedford township, this county, son of William and Mary (Doty) Forman, both natives of New York state.

William Forman came to Michigan in 1831 with his parents, William and Margaret (Powell) Forman, who settled in Erie township, Monroe county. About the same time came the Doty family—Stephen Doty and wife, nee Harris, and their children,—and they settled in Bedford township, this county, and it was in Bedford township that William Forman and Mary Doty were married. They became the parents of six children, four daughters and two sons, and of this number three daughters and one son are now living: Louise, Ella, Hortense and Stephen D. Ella is the wife of Silas Mallory and Hortense is the wife of Henry Wilhelm.

Stephen D. received his education in the public schools and the Toledo high school, and farming has been his life occupation. After his marriage, which event occurred in November, 1873, he and his young wife went to housekeeping in the home where they have lived for nearly forty years, and which comprises a portion of the old Forman farm, he having purchased 150 acres. Mrs. Forman is a native of Lucas county, Ohio, and was before her marriage Miss Sophia Curson. Of the children born to them, three are now living, namely: William, who married Hazel Babcock, lives on his father's farm; Geneveve, wife of Rolland Webster of Toledo, Ohio, and Bertram, at home.

While he has always cast his franchise with the Republican party, Mr. Forman has never been active in politics. He is a member of the K. O. T. M. and the Royal Arcanum, and his religious creed is that of the Congregational church. He was one of the founders of the

Congregational church at Alexis. He served on its building committee, and has since officiated as trustee and treasurer, at present filling the latter office, and all the while has been one of its liberal supporters. His church interest has always been shared by his wife and other members of the family.

MICHAEL RHOADES of Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, is a hard working farmer and a highly respected citizen of his community. He and his wife have spent many years of their lives in this one place and have always exerted themselves to perform their social duties as well as their family duties. Both of them are members of the United Brethren church, and have always taken an active interest in all of its affairs. Mr. Rhoades is one of its most steadfast supporters.

Mr. Rhoades was born in Dolphin county, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1847, the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Stephen) Rhoades, both natives of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Before Michael's birth however, they had moved to Dolphin county. Mr. Rhoades, senior, was the father of five children, three of whom are still living: Frederick, living in Akron, Ohio; Julia, the wife of Jacob Overfeer of Middletown, Pennsylvania, and Michael.

Michael was raised on the farm in Dolphin county and received a fair common school education at the district school. September 12, 1868, he was married to Elizabeth Walters, who was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1851, the daughter of Joseph and Mary E. (Machin) Walters. After ten years spent in farming there in Pennsylvania, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades came to Michigan and settled in La Salle township. When they first arrived Mr. Rhoades worked out by the day, but he was soon able to rent a farm of his own. His thrift and ability soon brought him more prosperity until he was able to buy forty acres of land. He is now the owner of eighty acres in Erie and twelve acres near his present residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades became the parents of eleven children, ten of whom, five boys and five girls, are still living: Ellen May, the wife of Charles Wagner of Grassard county, Michigan; Edward H., who married May Renrich of Ida township, Monroe county; Calvin, who married Mabel Bird and is now living in Erie township; Maggie F., the wife of Frank Wagner of La Salle township; Mary A., the wife of Elmer Q. Shank of La Salle township; Carrie E., the wife of Samuel Dohm of Buena Park, California; Charley A., who married Mertie Kornprobst and is now living in Grassard county, Michigan; Arthur W., who married May Grostifronde of Grassard county; Irvin J., who is unmarried and living in California, and Myrtle, a graduate of the Monroe high school, who after teaching for four years, became the wife of Byron Locke of California. Mrs. Rhoades, who is the mother of these ten children, was herself one of eleven children, of whom these are still living: Mary, Elizabeth, Ellen, Amanda, Edward, Samuel, Emma, Joseph, John, and Vernie. Each one of these is married and has a family. Mrs. Rhoades comes of a long-lived family, her father living from 1822 to 1890, and her mother, born January 9, 1825, is still alive. Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades have twenty-five grandchildren.

HON. FLAGGET H. TRABBIC, of Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, ex-member of the Michigan legislature, holds a record for efficiency and general executive ability that few men in the history of his state have equalled. Although he has enemies, as is the case with all big men, his friends are numberless, and are unanimous in declaring that there is nothing complimentary that cannot be said about him and that they cannot back up with personal knowledge. Conservative, judicial in temperament, fair-minded, every move he made while in the legislature was one he knew after long and deep consideration to be for the best interest of the people. Not a politician, but a statesman, cast in a different environment he might have played a part in the destinies of nations. As it is he has served his state in the most power-bestowing office it can give. A member of a state legislature is probably freer from prohibitive influences seeking to keep him in the path of virtue than almost any other office holder in the United States. It depends upon the man himself whether his duties shall be rightly administered to act as a power for good, or whether they shall be swayed in their operation by partiality and political favors. The citizens of Monroe county were fully aware of the possibilities for either good or evil when they sent Mr. Trabbic to the legislature as their representative, but knew absolutely from their lifelong acquaintance with the man that nothing but the strictest justice would ever issue from his hands. They were not mistaken; he performed his duty to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, and also of his state which is proud to acknowledge him as one of her sons.

Besides the renown the Honorable Trabbic has himself achieved, he was the son of a well-known and wealthy man, Guytani Peter Trabbic of Erie township. Before his death at the age of eighty-two years, he was the owner of seven hundred acres of land; twice he represented Erie on the board of supervisors, and other political honors might have been conferred on him had he wished them. Born November 1, 1821, at Chiavari, Italy, eighteen miles from Genoa, he spent the first eleven years of his life in his native land, but on March 12, 1832, he left Italy in company with his father and brother and spent the next year in a tour of France and England. April 1, 1833, he sailed from Liverpool, England, and landed at Quebec May 14. After six months here he went to Augusta and Bangor, Maine, spending the winter between the two cities. The next winter found him a resident of New York City. The following spring he first saw Erie, Michigan, but the family did not remain long, going on to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they purchased a three-fourths section of government land in what is now a suburb of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Soon afterwards, however, the family returned to Erie, so that, in order to pay the taxes, Mr. Trabbic had to make the trip back to Indiana on horseback. Mr. Trabbic was first a Whig but in the early fifties joined the Democratic party.

Mr. Trabbic was married three times, the first time at the age of twenty-one to Margaret Labadee, who died shortly afterwards. Mary Caroline Knaggs, a great-granddaughter of George Knaggs, founder of the well-known Knaggs family was his second wife. Their marriage took place September 27, 1845, and of their eleven children eight

are now surviving, two of them having died in infancy and William, at the age of thirty-six in March, 1889. Mrs. Trabbie died in 1880 and in 1881 Mr. Trabbie was married for the third time, Victoria Morrin, who is still living, becoming his wife. Besides the eight children of his second marriage, Samuel, Elizabeth, John B., Matilda, Agnes, Victoria, Flagget H., and Israel, he is survived by one brother, John, fifty-one grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

The Hon. Flagget H. Trabbie was born in Erie township, February 10, 1866, and attended the public schools of his community, finishing his education with a two years' course in St. Mary's Institute of Dayton, Ohio. From 1893 until 1896 he managed his father's farm when he was elected to the board of supervisors, of which he was made chairman. He was again elected to this position in 1906, but gaining the election for a member of the legislature in the fall of that same year he resigned as supervisor. During his term in office he was instrumental in gaining an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the Custer monument at Monroe, Michigan, a description of which is given in the *Monroe Democrat* for October 23, 1908. He was also a member of the Custer Association that boosted the work. He is a Democrat, and most of his time that he could spare from his occupation as general farmer and stock raiser on his farm one-half mile east of Erie, has been given to political activity in behalf of his party. June 14, 1892, he was married to Mattie A. Lehr, a musician of talent, educated in St. Mary's College at Monroe, Michigan. They are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of Erie.

CHARLES S. CHOATE, JR. One of the most prominent men in social and financial circles of Erie township, Monroe county, Michigan, is Charles S. Choate, Jr. Industry and intelligence have brought success to him. By his own efforts he has worked his way up from a position of telegraph operator to that of agent for the P. M. railroad, and of manager for the Toledo Grain Milling Company elevator. Holding the high and assured position he now does in the society by which he is surrounded he is a good type of the self-made man of which, as one of her individual products, America is so justly proud.

Several generations back Mr. Choate's ancestors were of English birth, but on his father's side as far back as his great-grandfather, Samuel Choate, who came from Canada in 1812, Mr. C. S. Choate's family has lived in Monroe county, Michigan. Mr. Samuel Choate and his son Seth both died on Turtle Light. Samuel's son Seth married Jane Parker, and their son, Charles S. was the father of Charles S., the subject of our sketch. Charles S. Choate, Sr., was born on the banks of the River Raisin, Monroe township, July 20, 1832, and at an early age was put out with his uncle Emerson Choate, so that at the age of ten he did not yet know his letters. At this age, however, he was sent to school and remained there until he was sixteen. Soon afterwards he started to work by the month receiving twenty-five cents for a day for his labor. On December 31, 1856, he was married to Hannah Peters, who was born in Bedford township, October, 1836. They became the parents of six children, all of whom are liv-

ing, Lucy E., who after an education in the common schools, became a teacher and later married J. E. Sweete; Terressa, who was also at one time a teacher and is now the wife of I. J. Havens; Mary J., at one time a teacher and now the wife of Edmund Davis; Edith, a music teacher, and now the wife of P. H. Uckle; Bessie E., a teacher and now the wife of Dr. E. W. Kelley. Mr. Choate is a Democrat, and served at one time as a highway commissioner. Both he and his wife are now living in Erie township.

Charles S. Choate, Jr., received his education first in the common schools and later in the Agricultural College at Lansing, Michigan. He then took up telegraphy and was employed for many years as an operator. He has been with the P. M. railroad for thirteen years, and has acted as manager of the elevator for five years. On December 25, 1894, he and Isabelle M. Goff were married, and they have become the parents of two children, Aubrey J., born January 20, 1900, and Merritt G. born September 18, 1906. Mrs. Choate was born in Bellevue, Ohio, October 23, 1867, and received her education in the common and the Bellevue graded schools. She is still a member of the Congregational church of Bellevue. Mr. Choate is a member of Samaria Lodge 438, A. F. & A. M. at Samaria. Although he prefers the Democratic party he has never taken much active part in politics. He is the owner of the Erie Coal and Tile Yard at Erie, Michigan.

EDWARD W. HILTON, secretary of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Monroe and Wayne counties, Michigan, ranks as one of the representative citizens of this locality.

Mr. Hilton dates his birth in Ida township, Monroe county, Michigan, December 31, 1838. The Hiltons came originally from England, but Eliab and Nathan, grandfather and father respectively of Edward W., were natives of New York state. Nathan Hilton married Nancy Willard, daughter of William and Mary Willard, natives of Connecticut, and early pioneers of Michigan. It was in 1835, in Monroe county, that they were married. A few years later they moved over into northwestern Ohio, but not long afterward came back to Michigan and took up their residence in Monroe county, at first in La Salle township and later in Erie township, the last move being in 1854. Here in Erie township they spent the rest of their lives and died. In their family were nine children, of whom four are living at this writing (1912), namely: Joseph S., of Dundee, Michigan; Mrs. Elizabeth Eighmey, widow of Spokane Eighmey; Susan, wife of James Dunmore, of Dundee, Michigan, and Edward W.

Edward W. Hilton was reared on his father's farm. He received his early education in one of the primitive log schoolhouses in the vicinity in which they lived, and in 1860 entered Hillsdale College. In the meantime he had learned the carpenter's trade and worked at that trade a year or more. While he was attending college the Civil war cloud gathered. In August, 1862, at his country's call, he enlisted as a member of Company K, Eighteenth Infantry of Michigan, and was with his command, in the Army of the West, until June of the following year, when he was discharged on account of disability. In August,

1864, having recovered his health, he re-enlisted, this time as a member of Company M, Eighth Michigan Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, and from there returned to his home in Monroe county.

After the war, Mr. Hilton taught school in winter and farmed in summer, and was thus occupied for eighteen years, his summers also including some carpenter work. In the meantime he purchased sixty acres of woodland in Erie township, which he cleared, and to which he added another tract, making ninety-four acres. Subsequently he sold all of this land except two and a half acres at Erie, where he lives. Since 1895 he has been secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Monroe and Wayne counties, which was organized in 1863. His long term of service in this capacity, covering as it does a period of eighteen years, is convincing proof of his efficiency.

In August, 1864, just before he re-entered the army, as outlined above, Mr. Hilton and Miss Kate E. McEldowney were united in marriage. Mrs. Hilton, like her husband, was born and reared in Monroe county. They have one son, George S. Hilton, a resident of Toledo, Ohio, where he is foreman in a factory. He is married and has three children.

Politically, Mr. Hilton affiliates with the Democratic party, but has never taken an active part in public affairs. Fraternally, he is identified with Wm. Bell Post, G. A. R., of Dundee, Michigan, and Samaria Lodge, No. 484, A. F. & A. M. It was in 1864 that he was made a Mason, and he has filled every office in the lodge except that of Master. Mrs. Hilton is an active member of the Presbyterian church of Erie.

HON. CHARLES T. GORHAM, as president of the First National Bank in Marshall, was the oldest banker in the state, at the time of his death, and one whose ability has given him unusual prominence in financial circles. He had, in addition to this, a diplomatic record that stamped him as a man of tact and sound judgment and no stranger in the city was long left in ignorance as to his name and reputation. The fact that a large amount of worldly goods has come to him as the legitimate result of his business enterprise, is a matter of but slight importance compared with the fact that in none of his banking transactions was his paper ever discounted or dishonored.

Mr. Gorham came from a family which was prominent in political circles during the early days of the republic, one of its members, Nathaniel Gorham, having been a delegate to the first United States convention, held in New York. Capt. John Gorham, a direct ancestor, was prominent in the Dutch and Indian wars. The line is traced back to England, and those who established themselves in the colonies found a home in the New England states. He of whom we write was the third son of William and Polly (Weed) Gorham, who reared a family of four sons and one daughter. All rose to prominence, one son being a clergyman in Newark, New Jersey, another a lawyer in Burlington, New York, and the eldest, who used his fine literary attainments in the field of book publication and criticism, lived and died in Peekskill, New York.

The birthplace of Mr. Gorham was Danbury, Fairfield county, Connecticut, and he was born on the 29th of May, 1812. While he was quite a young man, his parents removed to Oneonta, Otsego county, New York, where Charles prepared for college, fully expecting to finish the college course. He had, however, displayed marked business qualifications, which attracted the attention of a leading merchant of Oneonta, one of the most practical and successful business men in the interior of the state. Young Gorham was persuaded to abandon his intention of going to college and accept a position in the extensive mercantile house of that gentleman, and there he remained for five years. He there exhibited the greatest of fidelity to the interests of his employer and gave complete satisfaction to him.

In 1836 Mr. Gorham came to Marshall and engaged in mercantile business with C. M. Brewer, the firm doing a large and successful business until 1840, when Mr. Gorham disposed of his interest to his partner and opened a private bank. This he conducted until 1865, when it was incorporated as a national bank, of which he continued to be president up to the time of his demise. Under his judicious and able management the institution continued to flourish and prosper, and its president, Mr. Gorham, was known as the oldest banker in the state. In 1845 he was commissioned major general of the sixth division of the state militia. In 1859 he was elected to the state senate and during his term assisted in organizing the military system which is virtually retained by the state to this day. Mr. Gorham was earnestly solicited to accept a second nomination to the senate, but declined.

Prior to 1848 General Gorham was a Democrat, but so distasteful to him was the canvass of that year that he withdrew from the party. A few years later he assisted in forming the Republican party, of which he has since been a member. In 1864 he was a delegate to the Baltimore convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for a second term, and later as member of the electoral college to confirm the election, and in 1868 was a delegate-at-large to the convention held in Cincinnati, which nominated Ulysses S. Grant for the presidency. In 1870 he received an offer of the mission to Chili, but declined to accept; in the same year, without the least solicitation on his part, he was appointed minister to the Netherlands, which position he filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to the government. As a diplomat, General Gorham showed the greatest respect for the feelings and rights of the people to whom he was accredited, while maintaining the honor of his own government, and performing the highest service in the interest of the people who had made him their ambassador. His mission was free from selfish ambitions and his actions such that after his resignation in 1875, he received many complimentary notices from friends and the press in Holland, as well as from those in this country. His majesty, the king, sent his minister of state to ascertain if Mr. Gorham would accept the honor of a decoration from the hands of his majesty, stating that it would give him pleasure to confer the order. Mr. Gorham assured the minister that he appreciated the compliment but could not accept the decoration.

A few months after his return from abroad, Mr. Gorham was appointed assistant secretary of the interior under Secretary Zachariah

Chandler. General Gorham won the highest respect of the administration and his associates in office, and when his resignation was accepted, the man whom he suggested for the office was appointed as his successor. For many years previous to his residence in Europe, General Gorham was a member of the school board and was counted an ardent friend of the common school system of the state. He was a member of the Presbyterian church from 1844 until his death, which occurred on March 11, 1901.

General Gorham was married April 10, 1839, to Miss Charlotte Eaton Hart, daughter of Dr. L. W. Hart, of Durham, Greene county, New York. In the county Mrs. Gorham was born and spent the greater part of her early life. Her mental powers and innate refinement were the foundation of her unusual culture and high breeding, and her character was wholly in keeping with her intellectual endowments. She presided in her lifetime over the beautiful home of the family, which is one of the notable residences of Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorham were the parents of one daughter and two sons. The daughter, Isabel W., is the widow of the late Col. Norris J. Frink, an honored citizen of Marshall. Col. Selden H. Gorham is deceased, while Charles E. is connected with the First National Bank of Marshall as its president.

FRANK D. WEBER, of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, has had a life of more variety than ordinarily falls to the share of any one man. He has been engaged in four different occupations, each one as remote from the other as could be imagined. He was first educated in a business college for a business career, but finally changed and decided to become a wood carver. Later he gave up this work, to become an undertaker, but subsequently embarked in the poultry business, but is now again engaged in the undertaking business.

Outside of his mother, Wilhelmina (Pip) Weber, a native of Prussia, but now residing in Detroit, Michigan, who is ninety years old, Mr. Frank Weber is the sole surviving member of his family. His father, Frank Weber, a native of Brevena, died in 1872. Frank was born in Detroit, September 4, 1862, and spent his childhood there attending the public schools and finishing his education with a course at Goldsmith's business college. For the next twenty-five years he worked as a wood carver, until in 1890 when he came to Monroe, Michigan, and entered the undertaking business. He remained at this for six years, and then took up the business of poultry raising at which he was very successful. With most of the chickens Rhode Island Reds he made a feature of the egg selling. He is now engaged in the undertaking business, under name of Nadeau & Weber, on Front street and living at 15 Lorraine street. Mr. Weber believes in life insurance as a good investment and has a policy in the Massachusetts Mutual. He is a Democrat but has never taken much interest in politics. His lodge affiliations are restricted to the K. C., the C. M. B. A., and the M. W. of A. By his first marriage with Anna Bodde he had one child, Marcella, who was born September 19, 1893. In 1906 he was married again, this time to Sophia Burns, a native of Ida township, Monroe county, Michigan.

Mrs. Weber is the daughter of August and Elizabeth (Buergard) Burns, both natives of Mecklenburg, Germany. They had both moved to America, however, before their marriage which took place in Monroe, Michigan. They became the parents of five children, Charles, who married Minnie Schreader; Augusta, the wife of Christ Schreader; Lena, the wife of William Leotz; Fannie, who has remained unmarried, and Sophia, the wife of the subject of this sketch. Sophia was born April 24, 1871, and one year later the family moved to Frenchtown township, where she attended the district schools until she was fourteen. In 1890 she was married to Henry Sisung, and from their union four children were born: Irving, on May 10, 1891; Mabel, on November 30, 1895; Ruth, on December 31, 1900; and Henry, in February, 1904. Mr. Sisung was a Democrat and took an active interest in the party. For two years he served as supervisor of Frenchtown township. He died October 23, 1905, and on May 25, 1906, Mrs. Sisung's marriage to Frank Weber took place. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weber are members of St. Mary's church at Monroe. She holds a membership in the Royal Neighbors, and like her husband is the owner of a life insurance policy. They own 128 acres of land in Frenchtown township.

ADELBERT W. EVANS, D. D. S. The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved and whose prominence is not the less the result of an irreproachable life than of natural talents and acquired ability in the field of his chosen labor. Dr. Evans occupies a position of distinction as a representative of the dental profession in Monroe, Michigan, and the best evidence of his capability in the line of his chosen work is the large patronage which is accorded him.

Dr. Adelbert W. Evans was born in the city of Quincy, Michigan, October 7, 1876, and he is a son of Hiram and Sarah (Redding) Evans, the former of whom was a native of New York and the latter of whom was born and reared in Michigan. Hiram Evans was educated in his native state and he came to Michigan in 1850, settling at Quincy, where he engaged in the manufacture of carriages, wagons and buggies. In 1878 he removed to Leamington, province of Ontario, Canada, where he embarked in the furniture business and where he continued to reside until his demise, in 1906, at the age of seventy-three years. His cherished and devoted wife passed away just eight weeks prior to the death of her husband. Both are buried in the cemetery at Leamington.

The third in order of birth in a family of three children, Dr. Evans attended school at Quincy for a few years prior to his parents' removal to Canada, at which time he was a lad of eleven years of age. He was graduated in the Leamington high school and in 1892 began the study of dentistry. In 1892 he was matriculated as a student in the dental department of the Detroit Medical College, in which he was graduated in June, 1895, duly receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. For a short time after his graduation he was engaged in the work of his profession at Detroit and at the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American war he enlisted for service in a Michigan company. He was sent with his regiment, under command of Colonel W. T. McGurkin, to Tampa, Florida, where he remained for five months. At the close of the war he received

his honorable discharge and returned to Michigan, locating at Monroe, where he opened dental parlors and where he has since been engaged in the work of his profession. He controls a large and lucrative patronage and is recognized as one of the best dentists in Monroe county.

In connection with his life work Dr. Evans is a valued member of the Michigan State Dental Society. His offices are on the corner of Front and Monroe streets. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Adrian Lodge, No. 429, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. In state and national affairs he is a stalwart Republican but in local matters he votes for the best man regardless of party affiliation. At the present time he is chairman of the City Republican Committee.

ANDREW BAIER. In tracing the history of lives conspicuous for their achievements, the most interesting feature of the study is to find the key to such success. The more critically exact this study becomes, the more convincingly certain it is that the key is in the man himself. Usually those who achieve most do it against the very obstacles before which other men succumb. They gain success not more through special gifts than from rallying the full equipment of mind and body into the service of their purposes. The late Andrew Baier, of Monroe, illustrated in a very marked degree the power of concentrating the entire resources of the man and lifting them to the plane of high achievement; of supplementing admirable natural endowments by close application, impregnable integrity and marked tenacity of purpose. Along the manifold lines in which he directed his splendid energies and abilities he made of success not an accident but a logical result. He gained precedence as one of the leading manufacturers and business men of his native city and as a loyal and progressive citizen he did much to further the industrial and civic prosperity of Monroe, where his name will be held in lasting honor, not less on account of his valuable services than on account of the sterling character and genial nature which gained to him the unqualified confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Baier's life was one of persistent work and successful achievement, such as one would expect from a man of his energy, ambition and innate business genius, and it is most consonant that in this history of his native county be entered a tribute to his memory and a brief record of his business career.

Andrew Baier was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, on the 2d of May, 1852, and here his death occurred on the 4th of April, 1909. He was a son of Peter, native of Bavaria, and Barbara (Hersel) Baier, both of whom were of staunch German lineage, and his parents were numbered among the sterling pioneers of Monroe county, where they continued to reside until their death. Of their children two sons and four daughters are still living, John, who is a resident of Monroe; Joseph, who maintains his home in the city of Adrian, Lenawee county; Mrs. Mary Francis, of Pinconning, Michigan; Mrs. Anna Rotach, of Marine City, this state; Mrs. Barbara Schreiber, of Detroit; and Mrs. Lena Mohr, of Monroe.

Mr. Baier was indebted to the public schools of Monroe for his early educational discipline, and he early manifested distinctive ability as a

mechanician. About a generation ago he initiated his independent career by forming a partnership with Matthew F. Seib, under the firm name of Seib & Baier, and they engaged in the hardware business in Monroe. This firm continued successful operations for many years and then, to meet the demands of a constantly increasing trade, a stock company was organized to continue the enterprise, this concern being incorporated under the title of Monroe Hardware Company. Mr. Baier continued as president of the company until a short time before his death, his retirement having been occasioned by his desire to devote his attention to other large and important interests. About thirty years ago the original firm began the manufacturing of furnaces, and the patterns for the same were designed by Mr. Baier, while the castings were made by the McLaren-Wagner Company. From a modest nucleus the manufacturing department of the business was developed to large proportions, and in 1887, to facilitate the growing enterprises, Mr. Baier effected the organization of the Monroe Furnace Company. Mr. Baier as a man of much technical skill and great business acumen, soon found it necessary to devote virtually his entire time and attention to the affairs of this company, and the products of its plant, known under the title of the "Floral City Furnace," soon proved able to meet any competition. Under Mr. Baier's effective guidance the business grew apace, and in 1889 the original company was dissolved, to give place to the present Monroe Foundry & Furnace Company, the old foundry and the York mills being converted into a plant that proved adequate for some time, after which the present large and modern plant was built. Mr. Baier was president of the company from the time of its organization until his death, and the great industry now constitutes a noble monument to his memory, for he was at all times the directing spirit, the organizer of business campaigns, the designer of new models and the inventor of improvements. He had supervision over all departments and his dictum in regard to all operations was considered final, so great were the confidence and trust of his associates.

Mr. Baier was a man of signally winning personality, and his buoyant, genial nature made him a favorite in both business and social circles. Though he gave a generic allegiance to the Democratic party he had no predilection for active politics, but he was essentially loyal and public-spirited in his civic attitude, ever ready to do all in his power to further the best interests of his native city. Several years before his death he was appointed a member of the Monroe board of public works, of which he was made vice-president, and at the time of the rebuilding of the city's electric-lighting plant his practical knowledge of machinery and his experience in dealing with salesmen saved hundreds of dollars to the city. His death removed one of the leading business men of the city, one who had accounted well to the world and to himself and one whose circle of friends was coincident with that of his acquaintances. In the family home, whose every relation had been of ideal order, his death brought the bitterest chalice of sorrow and bereavement, but those nearest and dearest to him may find a measure of consolation in the gracious memories of his strong, loving and noble life. Mr. Baier and his wife are both members of the St. Michaels church. He has been a trustee for many years.



Jacob Martin

On June 15, 1875, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Baier to Miss Frances Steiner of Monroe, and she survives him, as do also two sons, Walter and Francis. A third son was born, but he died at the age of ten years, March 28, 1906. Mrs. Baier was born in Monroe and lived here practically all her life.

JOSEPH CREQUE. A worthy example of what may be accomplished by steadiness and perseverance in the face of discouragements and disadvantages is seen in the life of Joseph Creque, an estimable farmer and stock-raiser of section 7 in Whiteford township. He was born in Alsace, Germany, April 21, 1859, his parents being Joseph and Catherine (Zehrimger) Creque, who came to the United States in 1867. They landed at Toledo and came to Whiteford township, where they lived until Mr. Creque's death. Mrs. Creque died September 6, 1912. Of their eight children, six are still living besides the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Creque was a boy of eight years when he came with his parents to America. His education had begun in the excellent school system of Germany and for some years he continued attendance at school in the district where he lived. He thereafter followed farming with his father until he was twenty-six years of age.

On October 15, 1884, he was united in marriage to Louise Burghardt and their family has consisted of five children, of whom four are now living. Edward, Joseph and Leo, the sons, and Clara, the daughter, are being educated in the public schools. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church, their membership being in the church at Whiteford township.

Mr. Creque is a man of fine old German stock, of which he is a typical representative in his honesty and quiet, dignified self-respect. When he began life for himself, he possessed two cows and nothing more; he now owns two hundred and forty-six acres of land in Whiteford township and buys and ships cattle by the carload. He is also very successful in the raising of hogs and is well known as a stock raiser, in which capacity he has made most of his money. During the accumulation of his property he has lost buildings by fire, but has never allowed himself to become discouraged nor to be less diligent. He stands high in the estimation of his neighbors and acquaintances.

JACOB MARTIN. This representative business man and honored and influential citizen of Monroe has maintained his home in this fair Michigan city from the time of his nativity, and the high esteem in which he is held in the community has been attested in many ways, not the least of which was in his being chosen mayor of his native city, an office of which he continued the able and popular incumbent for three successive terms, as well as two consecutive terms in later years. He served in that office in 1901, 1902 and 1903, and also in 1909 and 1910. He was thus mayor of the city during the Custer Celebration of 1910, and President Taft was his guest at that time, coming to the city on the invitation of the mayor, our subject. It is a significant fact that of the five times that he was nominated for the office of mayor, he was only opposed in the office on two occasions. The family name is one that has been identified

with business and civic enterprise and interests in Monroe for nearly seventy years, and has at all times stood exponent of loyal and worthy citizenship. He whose name initiates this paragraph is junior member of the firm of Martin Brothers, engaged in the retail boot and shoe business in Monroe, and the enterprise thus conducted is the outgrowth of a modest business established in 1846 by the honored father of the present interested principals, so that the present establishment may consistently be designated as one of the pioneer mercantile concerns of the "Floral City."

Jacob Martin was born in Monroe on the 4th of May, 1861, and is a son of George and Odelia (Gerweck) Martin, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, the year of the former's nativity having been 1819 and that of the latter, 1821. George Martin learned the shoemaker's trade in his native land, where he served a most thorough apprenticeship. In 1840 he immigrated to America and after a long and weary voyage on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period, he landed in the port of New York City. He was thereafter employed at his trade in Newark, New Jersey, and it was there, in the year 1844, that he married Odelia Gerweck. In 1846 the family came to Michigan and established a home in Monroe. Here George Martin opened a shop and engaged in the work of his trade, and he continued as an industrious workman on the bench for several years, in the meanwhile gaining a secure hold upon the confidence and esteem of the residents of the city and county. In 1870 he amplified his business by handling ready-made boots and shoes, and through careful and honest dealing and conservative business methods he built up a substantial and prosperous enterprise. The Martin shoe store has long been one of the veritable mercantile landmarks of Monroe county, its trade has at all times been of a representative order, and its reputation has been a most unassailable one. The present establishment is metropolitan in its appointments and general equipment and a large and substantial trade is controlled therein by the sons of that sterling founder of the business. The building now utilized was erected by George Martin in 1860 and is a substantial three-story brick structure, twenty by eighty feet in lateral dimension. All three floors are occupied by the firm in the conducting of their large and ever growing business, and the stock carried is the largest of its kind in the county. George Martin continued to be identified with the business until his death, which occurred in 1896. He had admitted his sons, John A. and Jacob, to partnership, and thereafter the business was conducted under the title of George Martin & Sons until the death of the founder, when the present firm name of Martin Brothers was adopted. George Martin was a man of strong mentality, marked business sagacity and impregnable integrity of purpose. He was long one of the valued and honored members of the business community of Monroe and his circle of friends was coincident with that of his acquaintances. He was one of the venerable citizens and pioneer merchants of the city at the time of his death, and he was survived by his wife until 1904. Both George Martin and his wife were earnest and devout communicants of the Catholic church, and the former was a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party. Of their children, two sons and one daughter are now living.

Jacob Martin, the immediate subject of this review, gained his early

education in the parochial schools of Monroe, but his broader education has been acquired through self-discipline and through the lessons learned under the direction of that wisest of all head-masters, experience.

When but sixteen years of age Mr. Martin entered upon an apprenticeship to the tinner's trade, in the hardware establishment of Seib & Baier, of Monroe, and after completing his apprenticeship he worked for one year at the trade. Within a short time, however, he became associated with his father's shoe business, and finally both he and his elder brother, John A., were admitted to partnership in the business, as has already been noted in a previous paragraph. The firm of Martin Brothers has admirably upheld the prestige of the family name in connection with progressive business enterprise and loyal citizenship, and in addition to his interest in the firm noted Jacob Martin is a stockholder and director of the Monroe Canning and Packing Company, which represents one of the leading enterprises of the city, in an industrial way.

Broad-minded, liberal and progressive as a citizen, Jacob Martin has shown intense interest in all that has touched the welfare of his home city and county, and in politics he has ever been aligned as a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party. Previous to his election to the office of mayor in 1901, in which office he served five terms, as noted in a previous paragraph, Mr. Martin was appointed chief of the Monroe Fire Department, and in that position he served from 1892 to 1901, inclusive. His continued and effective service in that position warranted his election to the office of mayor, to which he was elected in 1901, and the five terms which he served in that office gave tangible proof and evidence of the high order of his citizenship, which he had already amply demonstrated in other service to the city.

Mr. Martin and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church, in which they are zealous members of the parish of St. Michael's church, and in which Mr. Martin is a trustee. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John. In a fraternal way he is associated with the German Working Men's Association, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. He is also a charter member of the Monroe Yacht Club.

On the 11th day of May, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Martin to Miss Nellie Shovar, who was born and reared in Monroe and who is a daughter of Clement and Susan (Bond) Shovar. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have one daughter, Laurencea, who remains in the parental home and is a popular factor in the social activities of Monroe.

DAVID CLARK PICKENS. An up-to-date and prosperous farmer of Whiteford township, is David Clark Pickens, who resides on that part of his property which is located in section 3 of the township mentioned. Mr. Pickens' birthplace was in Hancock county, Ohio, where he was born on the eighth of July, 1874. His parents were Benjamin and Mary (Moe) Pickens, both of whom were natives of southern Ohio, and who later removed from Ohio county in that state to Hillsdale county, Michigan. They subsequently returned to their native state, making their most recent home in Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Pickens' father passed from

this life in 1911, but his mother is still living as are six of the seven children born in this family.

Mr. Pickens' three older sisters are: Bertha, the wife of Quinn Long of Arlington, Ohio; Cora, who is Mrs. Marion Ely of Detroit; and Clara, who is Mrs. Charles Longbrake of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Alice, a younger sister of our subject, is deceased. Of his two brothers, Charles J. Pickens is married and lives in Mt. Clemens, Michigan; Bert is married and resides in Detroit.

David Clark Pickens found his chief educational opportunities in the district schools, which he left at the age of fourteen, spending his time in assisting with the pursuits of his father's farm until he attained his majority.

At this time, February 9, 1895, he gained as his life's comrade Miss Anna McMeekin, who was a daughter of Henry and Melissa (Ferris) McMeekin. Her girlhood years were spent in Monroe county and a part of her young womanhood was devoted to the profession of teaching. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Pickens. Harold C., who is now fifteen years of age, is a graduate of the common schools of Whiteford township and is a student in the Blissfield high school. Brace is twelve years of age and is still in the public schools.

Politically Mr. Pickens is a Republican, though not a violently active one nor an office-seeker. His interest in education makes him an efficient member of the district board of school directors. He is a progressive in all lines in which he is active. He owns not only the seventy-one acres where he resides, but also a half-interest in an eighty-acre property in Somerfield township. On the farm which is his home he has made notable improvements, especially in his building of a fine and exceptionally convenient barn. His cattle and dairy business is a flourishing enterprise, his cattle feeding and buying being both judicious and extensive, and his stock being bought by the carload.

FRED CLAMPITT. An enterprising and public-spirited agriculturist of Whiteford township is Fred Clampitt, who has lived here ever since his childhood and who was born on the farm which he now owns, on May 3, 1872. His family, however, was originally English, both his parents having been born in Devonshire, England, the father, William Clampitt, on May 7, 1827, and the mother, Elizabeth Thone, on July 3, 1829. Both lived in their native country until they grew to maturity and were united for the rest of their life journey. They came to America about the year 1860, settling first in Toledo, Ohio, later removing to Sylvania in the same state, and after three years changing their home once more, this time to a farm in Whiteford township. This was the home of William Clampitt's family until 1900, when he retired to Sylvania for the less active years of his life. Of the thirteen children, six are still living besides Mr. Fred Clampitt, to whom this sketch is dedicated. William, junior, is a farmer of Sylvania township, Ohio. James is a farmer living in Whiteford township. Mary is the wife of L. F. Frost of Dundee township, Monroe county. Elizabeth is the wife of D. B. Young of Sylvania, Ohio. Mina, maiden lady living with parents. Emma, wife of W. E. Chapple of Toledo, Ohio.

Fred Clampitt, the third living son of William Clampitt, was reared and educated with his brothers and sisters, first amid farm scenes and rural school experiences at Sylvania. He later attended Sylvania high school, after which he began his present vocation of farming. On May 28th, he was united in life's closest companionship with Mary Fletcher, a native of Whiteford township, the date of whose birth was May 27, 1872. Her parents were Samuel L. and Anna E. (Nichols) Fletcher, who were originally of Portage county, Ohio, and of Whiteford township, respectively. The youthful schooldays of Mrs. Clampitt had been spent in the district schools of this region.

The second generation of Fred Clampitt's family numbers three children: Frank, who was born March 18, 1897 and who in 1911 was graduated from the rural graded schools; Fred W., junior, whose natal day was May 12, 1906; and Ina I., who brought her infant charms to the home on December 22, 1910.

Mr. Clampitt's residence is on section 27 of Whiteford township, where he owns 80 acres of successfully cultivated land. He is not oblivious to the public duties which should fall to the lot of the intelligent farmer; he has therefore accepted and adequately filled the office of treasurer for Whiteford township for two terms. He is a Republican of thoughtful views, but one who is rather conservative in his attitude toward issues that do not seem to him to be well founded. His nature is a genial one, as may be inferred from his activity in social fraternities. He is a member of Ottawa Lake Lodge, No. 20, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand master, and also holds membership in the Ancient Order of Gleaners, in which he carries insurance.

DR ROLPH BROWN, the gifted and popular physician of Whiteford Center is one of our citizens who is not only a figure of exceptional importance in his own right, but who can also point back to ancestral lines of considerable distinction. His father's family are of that English branch formerly living in Taunton, England. His great-grandfather, Wm. Brown, was the first of his line to come to America, and it was his wife who, during the privations of the Revolutionary war, knitted stockings and carried provisions to the soldiers of Washington's army at Valley Forge. Dr. Brown's maternal great-grandmother, an ancestress of his mother, Eunice Walton Brown, of Scarborough township, York county, Ontario, was the first white woman who ever lived in that region.

James M. Brown, our subject's immediate progenitor, came originally from (Pekin) New York, and has been at several times a resident of Monroe county. He was a Civil war patriot who enlisted from Wisconsin. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Dr. Brown and a daughter, Jessie, who is the wife of Joseph Cook of Toronto, Canada.

Rolph Brown was born on April 15, 1873, at Allendale, Ontario, Canada. He came to Sanilac county, Michigan, in 1882, with his parents where he attained his majority, and was educated in the Michigan public schools and in those of Canada. He is a graduate of the Simcoe high school of Ontario, Canada. He has been a teacher in both the Canadian

schools and those of this state. It is an interesting and significant fact that he earned his own expenses both for his high school course and for the medical course which fitted him for his present profession. It was in 1895 that he entered the Medical College of Detroit, Michigan, and his degree was conferred in 1897. He began his medical practice at Whiteford Center, where he established an enviable reputation for efficiency and skill and where he has since remained. He was the organizer and president for the first five years of the Whiteford Farmers Telephone Company.

Mrs. Brown was formerly Miss Martha McKoy. She is of Canadian birth and Scotch ancestry, her father having been a native of Edinburgh and her mother of Kilmarnock, Scotland. Dr. and Mrs. Brown have two daughters, Jessie, born in 1900, and Helen, born in 1907. The family live in an attractive home, the grounds of which comprise twenty-seven acres.

Dr. Brown is not only deeply interested in professional organizations, but gives a due amount of time and attention to social fraternities. His membership in the former includes the National and State Medical Associations and the County Medical Society, and he is also a member of the A. F. & A. M., his membership being in the Russel lodge, of Petersburg, Michigan; of the O. E. S., of which Mrs. Brown is also a member and of the I. O. O. F., Ottawa lodge No. 20. In politics Dr. Brown is thoughtfully and impartially independent.

ROBERT McMEEKIN. A well-known resident of Whiteford township and a highway commissioner of intelligence and efficient service is Robert McMeekin. His parents were of Scottish ancestry, though it was in northern Ireland that both were born. In 1855 they came to a land of broader possibilities, where they might bring up their family under the most favorable circumstances. Samuel McMeekin, the father is still living at the ripe age of eighty-five, although his wife, Mary (Given) McMeekin, passed to her reward a number of years ago. All of their seven children are living in 1912, and are as follows: Henry H., of Harding, Montana; Maggie, wife of Alfred Tucker, of Whiteford township; Samuel, a farmer of near Mt. Vernon, Washington; Mary, the wife of Isaac Sloan, of Tecumseh, Michigan; Robert, to whom this sketch is dedicated and the details of whose life will be more fully stated; James A., a barber in Hortonville, Wisconsin; and Lizzie, the wife of George Siefleet, of Lucas county, Ohio.

Robert McMeekin, who was born January 28, 1858, spent his earliest years in Toledo, Ohio, but when he was but six years of age his parents changed their home from that place to Whiteford township, Michigan. He attended the rural schools until he had reached the age of fourteen, at which time, like most of the boys of agricultural districts in those days, he gave his time to the work of his father's farm. Arriving at his majority, he began work for himself, engaging his services by the month to farmers of the neighboring county. In 1885 he became interested in the Dakota lands, where he took up a claim of 160 acres. This he proved up, being meanwhile engaged in other pursuits possible of combination with homesteading. In 1892 he returned to Monroe and the attraction

of old scenes was so strong that he presently disposed of his western land and has since remained in this locality. Mr. McMeekin, who is unmarried, takes a lively interest in the fraternally social organizations of which he is a member. He has twice passed all chairs of the Ottawa Lake lodge, No. 20 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has twice represented his chapter to the Grand lodges of Michigan. He is a Republican of practical theories and civic conscience and has acceptably filled the public offices of township treasurer and highway commissioner, serving for two years in each capacity. Mr. McMeekin's property in this township comprises thirty acres of productive and well-tilled land.

ROBERT SMITH. The honors enjoyed in old age by those who have lived worthily and well are enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, who are among the oldest residents of this region. Mr. Smith's parents, Robert and Nancy (Crawford) Smith were of Scotch birth and ancestry. In their native home across the sea both grew to maturity and there they were married before coming to America. They made their home in the new land at Paterson, New Jersey, where, on October 15, 1827, the subject of this sketch was born. In 1834 the family came to Monroe county, Michigan, where was entered a plot of land in which the parents lived for the rest of their lives and where Robert Smith still resides. The log cabin which was first built and occupied was later replaced by the cobble-stone house which still stands upon the farm.

Robert Smith was educated in the district school near his home attending chiefly in the winters and assisting his father during the farming seasons. After his eighteenth year he remained continuously at home until the death of his parents. In 1856 he won as his life companion Harriet Harroun, whose birthplace was Genesee county, New York, and who was born on August 5, 1834. When she was one year old her parents moved to Sylvania, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith's chief pride and satisfaction in life have been the rearing and educating of their children, of whom they have seven. Clara, who was graduated from the Sylvania high school, is now Mrs. S. B. Chambers of Toledo, Ohio. Ella is the wife of C. W. Lee, of Bradner, Ohio. Sarah, who was also a graduate of the Sylvania high school and who has been a teacher, is Mrs. H. S. Bennet, of Toledo. Robert is married and a resident of Toledo. Losette is a graduate of the Michigan State Normal school at Ypsilanti and is a teacher in Bradway school, Toledo. Florence, a graduate of the Toledo high school, holds a similar position in the public schools of that city. Edwin H., who has also been a teacher, and who is now and has been employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for many years, is now traveling agent for this railroad. Another daughter, Gertrude, is dead.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the Congregational church of Sylvania, Ohio, her husband having no religious affiliation. He is a Republican who votes thoughtfully, but is not in any marked way a public politician, being a man of quiet and retiring habits. He and his wife are spoken of in high terms by all their acquaintances. Their name is one that is ever

associated with honesty, sobriety and life-work of the inconspicuous sort that means much to future generations.

FRED B. DOTY. The Doty family, of which Fred B. Doty of section 27, Whiteford township, is a son of the third generation, has been numbered with Monroe county settlers since the year 1822 when his grandfather, Stephen Doty, came with his family from Erie county, Pennsylvania. Their first home was in Bedford township, where Stephen Doty and his wife lived out their years. Eugene Doty was ten years of age when he first became a resident of this county and lived here continuously throughout all the remainder of his life. He was one of those successful farmers, who, starting with nothing, live with such frugality, thrift and industry as to accumulate a goodly share of property. Eugene Doty owned land in both Bedford and Whiteford townships. He was a Mason of prominence, having attained the degree of Knight Templar at Monroe, Michigan.

Eugene Doty's family consisted of four children, including Fred B. Doty. The two daughters, Estella and Belle, are now respectively Mrs. Alvin Kelley and Mrs. George Agnew. Ralph Doty, the other son, is a farmer of Bedford township.

Fred B. Doty was reared, with his brother and sisters, on the old Bedford township farm. Educationally, he gathered such advantages as were to be had in the district schools of the locality and supplemented these by attendance at the college at Adrian, Michigan.

Mr. Doty then entered upon an agricultural career as his life's work. In November, 1884, his life and fortunes were united with those of Miss Lillian Van Wormer, who was a native of Lucas county, Ohio, and whose intellectual development had been accomplished in the district schools of that county and the high school of Toledo, Ohio. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Doty are two daughters. The elder, Helen, who is a graduate of St. Joseph's convent at Adrian, is now Mrs. Hermann Rothfuss. The second daughter, Eva, is a graduate of the Ann Arbor high school. Both Mrs. Doty and her daughters are members of the Congregational church at Sylvania, Ohio.

Politically, Mr. Doty is a Republican, although he has never been an office-holder nor an officeseeker. In secret society circles he has been exceptionally popular, being affiliated with Samaria Lodge No. 438 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; with the Mt. Vernon Chapter, No. 37 of the Royal Arch Masons of Dundee, Michigan, and Toledo Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar; and with the Zenobia Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

FRED T. CONSEAR. The qualities of stability and honesty for which this section of Michigan's population is so notable are due in great degree to the estimable representatives of good old German stock which form a prominent element in the citizenship of the locality. Conspicuous among these in the high respect accorded him by his neighbors is Fred T. Consear, who resides in section 22 of Whiteford township. He is a native of this place, where he was born on May 7, 1868. His parents, however, who were Charles and Frederika (Dankwert) Consear, were

both born in Germany. They were married in the land of their birth and in 1859 came to America. They first settled in Canada, later removing to Toledo, Ohio, and eventually coming to Whiteford township in Monroe county, Michigan. They first made their home here in the year 1863 and here Charles and Frederika Consear spent the remainder of their lives. He died on February 18, 1895, and she followed him on March 23, 1909. They were the parents of two children besides the son who is the subject of this biography. Charles Consear is married and is a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Louis died on the 20th of November, 1909.

Fred T. Consear spent his childhood days on the parental farm, attending the rural school until he was a youth of sixteen, thus securing a good common school education. Having arrived at manhood's estate, he took up his life work of farming, which he has ever since successfully followed.

On November 30, 1893, Miss Helena Bischoff of Whiteford township became Mrs. Fred T. Consear. She also is a native of this locality, where she was born on April 7, 1871. Her education, like that of her husband, had been that afforded by the school system of the county in which they lived. Their home has been blessed by seven children of promising characteristics. Lillian, the eldest, was a graduate of the common schools at the age of thirteen years and is now a student in the high school of Toledo, Ohio. Clyde, the eldest son, is also a graduate of the rural graded schools. Frederick, Orrin and Aaron, who are aged respectively twelve, eight and six years, are still in the district school; while Helena, who is four, and Donald, who is but one year old, are as yet in their babyhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Consear are counted among the important members of the Lutheran church of this vicinity. Mr. Consear's interest in school matters is such as to have brought him for five years the responsibility of membership in the district board of school directors. He is a Republican in politics and is the present justice of the peace of Whiteford township. He has also served two years as highway commissioner.

The agricultural business of Mr. Consear is of a general nature. He is the owner of 160 acres of land, of which 120 are in section 22 and 40 acres in section 14. He is an excellent example of the honest, honorable German-American type.

JOHN S. KLUMP, a well-known agriculturist of Whiteford township, is of pure German stock in both paternal and maternal ancestral lines. His father was John G. Klump, who was born in Germany in 1830 and who was educated in the fatherland in general subjects with the addition of a small amount of instruction in the English. In 1853 he took passage in a sailing vessel and after thirty-six days on the ocean he arrived at New York harbor, soon traveling westward to Toledo, Ohio. During the same year a young German woman named Christina Schober embarked for a trans-Atlantic voyage which continued for sixty-eight days, finally ending at New York in the autumn of 1853. This young passenger also continued westward, her first American home being Adrian, Michigan. In 1854 John G. Klump and Christina Schober were

united in the bond which made them companions for life. In 1857 a son was born to them who was named John S. and who is the subject of this biography. Of the eight children who constituted the second generation of this family, three sons are living in 1912, John S., William and Albert.

In 1858, when John S. Klump was a child of nine months, the family left Lucas county, where the subject was born, and came to Monroe county, where they settled in Whiteford township. Here he grew up, attending the district school until about fifteen years of age, at which time he became his father's right-hand man on the farm.

At the age of twenty-four he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Howenstine, who was born on November 20, 1862, and who was the daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Jackson) Howenstine, the father being a native of Pennsylvania and the mother from Stark county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Klump are the parents of one son, named John E., who was born March 11, 1902.

Mr. Klump and his family are members of the Evangelical Association of South Whiteford church, of which congregation he is an important member, holding the office of a trustee of the parsonage. Politically he is a Republican, although he has not been conspicuously active in party affairs, preferring a quiet life to one of publicity. He is a successful general farmer and dairyman, owning 110 acres of land in Whiteford township.

JAMES A. WHITE. Just as the successful men of the great cities understand that in carefully centralized specialization lies their greatest advantage, so do the leaders of commercial and public affairs in our fair villages learn, on the other hand, the value of wise combination. One Whiteford township citizen who has understood this principle and acted upon it with good results is Mr. James A. White, the well-known merchant, sage justice of the peace and genial postmaster of Ottawa Lake.

Mr. White bases his position upon what he is, rather than what his parents have been. Remote ancestral lineage and genealogical history seem to him of slight importance. Of his parents, therefore, the present biographer has gathered from his information only that their names were Dennis and Miriam (Scott) White, that their children were three in number and that James A. White himself is the only member of the family now living.

Our subject was born in Toledo, Ohio, on September 22, 1866, and was one year old when the family changed their residence to Ottawa Lake. On the parental farm and in the public schools, he grew up, living the life of the proverbial barefoot boy. But he was gifted with more ambition and doubtless more intelligence than the average small boy to whom educational development presents difficulties. It was his purpose to gain from the public school system all the knowledge of books and of life that it so freely vouchsafed him. Therefore he spent five profitable years in the Blissfield high school, after which he gave two terms of pedagogical service to the district schools of Whiteford township. His lively interest in the practical as well as the theoretical, how-

ever, led him to take up the implement business, in which he continued for four years. He later settled upon the business of a merchant as his permanent vocation and proceeded to connect himself with the general store of Ottawa Lake. This business he now owns and has built up in a most gratifying way.

His interest in practical politics, his loyalty to the Republican party and his general efficiency have brought to Mr. White his judicial and other public honors. As postmaster, as township treasurer, township clerk and the incumbent of other offices he discharges his duties in a manner characterized both by ability and faithfulness.

Judge White is a member of Ottawa Lake Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., and also of the M. W. A. Mrs. White is a native of the township and was educated here. Before her marriage she was Miss Elva Cox and was married to Mr. White on October 17, 1888. They have no children. Both are socially popular in Ottawa Lake and their attractive home adds much to the charm of the village.

ALBERT F. KUMMEROW. The world is ever forgetting and learning again the fact that material success alone is not true success. A noted writer of the day has said that successful life consists not in getting a living alone, rather, it is knowing how to live. To an impartial biographer the personality and family of Albert F. Kummerow appear to have fortunately grasped the true ethics of existence, the current of their days being made up of domestic harmony and social sympathy, of logical foresight in things material and high standards in things moral and spiritual.

Mr. Kummerow is moreover, a representative citizen of the county, as were his parents before him. They are John and Dora (Krueger) Kummerow, who still live in this vicinity. Of their eight children, all are alive and prosperous. Albert Kummerow was born in Whiteford township in the family homestead which has passed into his own possession and in which he now resides. His natal day was August 19, 1878, and the present date shows him to be a highly respected member of the younger generation of successful agriculturists.

Of book lore and its practical application to life, Albert Kummerow first learned in the Whiteford township public schools. While he was growing to physical manhood and mental maturity, a little girl, five years younger was receiving her educational development from the same school system, with perhaps never a thought that her name and fortunes would one day be closely connected with his. This feminine product of Whiteford, then named Mary Moritz, completed her schooling in the aforementioned township. Albert Kummerow, however, when 15 or 16 years of age pursued further his preparation for the duties before him, by attending Davis College in Toledo, Ohio.

His academic acquirement brought to a close, Mr. Kummerow was happily united in matrimonial bonds with Miss Moritz, who was at that time residing in Lenawee county, Michigan. The subsequent years have brought them two children; the little son, Clarence, is at the time of this chronicle six years of age and the baby daughter, Mildred, is but two years old. They are the happy little recipients of lavish maternal care

and of the solicitude of both a father and mother who believe that "the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal." Mr. and Mrs. Kummerow are both active members of the German Lutheran church at Ottawa Lake.

Although they are both socially agreeable, Mrs. Kummerow has strong domestic instincts and believes that the greatest womanly success is that of the wife who is a good helpmate and who ever "looketh well to the ways of her household." The head of the house is connected fraternally with Ottawa Lake lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran Senate Life Insurance Company, in which each carries \$1,000.

Politically, he is a Republican, whose loyalty and consistency are appreciatively recognized by the members of his party. His public honors include the office of township highway commissioner and that of deputy sheriff. The efficiency with which he has performed the duties of these offices have enhanced the high esteem with which he and his family are regarded by a large circle of friends.

CHARLES A. GOLDEN. As one of the representative legists and jurists of his native state and county, Judge Golden has served on the bench of the circuit court of Monroe county since 1907, and had previously been called to other offices of public trust,—preferments indicative of the unequivocal confidence and esteem reposed in him by the people of his county, which has been his home from the time of his birth to the present. He has been a member of the bar of Michigan for nearly forty years and has dignified and honored his chosen profession through his able services as a practitioner of law and as an able member of the judiciary of the state.

Judge Golden was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, on the 27th of March, 1854, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (McDonough) Golden, the former of whom was born in Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland, and the latter was also born in the same county. The parents of Judge Golden were for many years residents of Monroe county, where they were held in high esteem as citizens of sterling character and where the father gave his attention principally to contracting and farming. They passed the closing years of their lives in Monroe City and both were zealous communicants of the Catholic church. Of their children three sons are now living. To the parochial and public schools of his native city Judge Golden is indebted for his earlier educational discipline, which was supplemented by a course in St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was graduated in this excellent institution as a member of the class of 1873 and received therefrom his academic degree of Bachelor of Arts. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession he then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, in which he was graduated in 1876 and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar, at Monroe, on the 3d of May of that year and forthwith engaged in active general practice in his native city. Indefatigable energy, close application and definite ambition marked his novitiate in his chosen field of endeavor and he soon proved his powers as a versatile and resourceful trial lawyer and as a counsellor



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admirably fortified in the minutiae of the science of jurisprudence, with the result that his success became secure and cumulative. He built up a substantial and representative law business and eventually became eligible for practice in all of the Michigan courts, both state and federal.

In the year which marked his admission to the bar, 1876, Judge Golden was elected circuit-court commissioner of his native county, and he retained this office for two years. For nearly twenty years he served as city attorney of Monroe; in 1881 he represented the Fourth ward of Monroe as a member of the board of county supervisors; he was chief of the city fire department from 1885 to 1889; and in the latter year he was given further evidence of popular confidence and esteem by his election to the office of mayor of his native city. As chief executive of the municipal government he gave a most progressive and acceptable administration. In 1884 Judge Golden was elected prosecuting attorney of Monroe county, and in this office his services were in all respects timely and effective, the while his success as a public prosecutor greatly conserved his already high professional reputation. He has ever shown a most insistent and loyal interest in all things touching the civic and material welfare of his home city and county and has been a staunch advocate of progressive measures and enterprises. He served with marked zeal as a member of the city board of education and was president of this body in 1889 and 1890. In 1907 he was elected to the bench of the circuit court of Monroe county, and of this position he has since remained the able and popular incumbent. His naturally judicial mind, coupled with his broad and accurate knowledge of the law, has made his rulings on the bench signally fair and impartial, few of his decisions having been reversed by courts of higher jurisdiction. Both he and his wife are earnest communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are zealous members of the parish of St. John, in their home city.

On the 27th of October, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Golden to Miss Frances L. Soleau, who was born at Brest, this county, and who is of staunch French lineage. She is a daughter of the late Touissant Soleau, who was a representative citizen of Monroe at the time of his death. Judge and Mrs. Golden have four children: Mrs. Jay Harrington, whose husband is connected with Boehme & Rauch Company; Clayton C. Golden, an attorney, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; and Daisy Golden and Arthur A. Golden, who reside at home in Monroe.

ADAM H. SCHEURER. A farmer living in La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, is well known in his community as a man of ability and energy. He has held several township offices and has made an enviable record for himself while in them. He was treasurer of Erie township for two years, and has been justice of the peace as well as highway commissioner for Ida township. He is also a prominent member of the Democratic party in his district.

Born in Amherst township, Erie county, New York, January 19, 1847, he was the son of Theobolt and Rosina (Scheive) Scheurer. Rosina Scheive was the daughter of Philip Scheive, who was for eleven

years a soldier under the Great Napoleon I and followed his great leader on his disastrous campaign in Russia to Moscow. He came to America in 1812, the year of our war with England, and finding conditions of war and strife almost as bad in this country, he decided to return to his native land. Leaving America they were shipwrecked, losing their ship and every thing they had, but no lives were lost. Adam H. Scheurer is a grandson of George and Magdalena (Graf) Scheurer. George Scheurer, who was the father of five children, died in La Salle township in January of 1878. Theobolt Scheurer was born in Alsace, Germany, and was brought to the United States when he was six years old. He did not come west to Michigan until the fall of 1871, many years after his marriage to Rosina Scheive, who was a native of Erie, Amherst township, New York. Mrs. Scheurer, Adam's mother, died December 27, 1879, but her husband's death did not occur until February 7, 1903. They had ten children, of whom seven are still living, Adam H., Philip, Louise, Lena, Margaret, Mary, and Charles H. Those who are dead are Carrie, Margaret and George.

Adam H. was raised on the farm in Erie county, and attended the common schools there until he was eighteen years old. He remained at home until after his marriage to Mary J. Risius on April 23, 1867. Miss Risius was born in Germany June 29, 1847, but was brought to this country by her parents when she was four years old. Her father, Henry J. Risius was born in Ostfriesland, Germany, November 28, 1820, and died August 30, 1893. Her mother was born November 19, 1812, in the same place, and died September 16, 1900. They had two other children besides Mary, one of whom died in infancy, and the other, Jacob, who married Catherine Hearthaven, and is now living in New York. Miss Risius was educated in the public schools and afterwards in the Williamsville Academy, and before her marriage taught three terms of school. Before coming west Mr. and Mrs. Scheurer lived for some time in Erie county, New York. They became the parents of six children, Maggie, born June 27, 1868, and now the wife of S. H. Martin of Monroe, Michigan, John A., born October 9, 1870, who married Stella Day and is now living in Toledo, Ohio, George T., born June 15th, 1876, who married Maude Laudenslager, and is now living in Erie, Michigan, and three other children who are now dead, Henry R., born March 26, 1873 in Sandusky county, Ohio, and died August 27, 1880, Edward D., born December 3, 1879 in Monroe county, Michigan, and died September 13, 1880, and Hattie E. born December 22, 1881, who at the time of her death, August 19, 1908, was the wife of Roy Rauch. There are eight grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Scheurer are members of the Evangelical Association at Monroe. They own eighteen acres of land near their home.

CHARLES T. SOUTHWORTH, SR., M. D. The late Dr. Charles Tracy Southworth was one of the world's really distinguished physicians and surgeons, and Monroe county has reason to take pride in the fact that here he maintained his home for many years and left a record of large and benignant achievement in the work of his noble and exacting profession. He was a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this county and he brought new laurels to a profession which had been

dignified by the services of his father, the latter having passed to the life eternal a short time after establishing his home in Michigan. He to whom this memoir is dedicated received specially high educational advantages, particularly in the line of his profession, and his career was a varied and eventful one prior to his return to the old home in Monroe, from which he had been absent for a term of years. He is held in affectionate memory in this county and there is all of consistency in according in this publication a brief record of his long and distinguished career.

Dr. Charles Tracy Southworth was born at Coventry, Chenango county, New York, on the 19th of May, 1827, and his death occurred at his home in the city of Monroe, on the 12th of August, 1884. He was a son of Dr. Tracy Southworth and Ruth M. (Gorton) Southworth, both of whom were born and reared in Otsego county, New York, both having been of English lineage. Dr. Tracy Southworth was a man of fine professional attainments, as gauged by the standard of the day in which he lived, and for many years he was associated in practice with Dr. George Landon, another of the representative physicians and surgeons of the state of New York. In 1843 Dr. Tracy Southworth came with his family to Monroe county, Michigan, where he continued in the practice of his profession until his death, which occurred in September of the following year, his widow continuing to maintain her home in Monroe until she too was summoned to eternal rest, in September, 1859. He to whom this review is dedicated gained his rudimentary education in the schools of his native state and was sixteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Monroe, Michigan, which continued to represent his home until after the death of his loved and devoted parents. He received his classical education in Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio, and in the University of Michigan, and in 1845 he attended his first course of lectures in the College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York city, the present medical school of Columbia University. Subsequently to his graduation in this institution he completed a six months course of special study in one of the leading medical schools of Paris, France, and thereafter he served two years as interne in a hospital in the city of Madrid, Spain. In May, 1849, he was graduated in the medical department of the University of Madrid, and in September, of the same year he established his residence in the city of Havana, Cuba, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession until March, 1851, when he went to Matamoras, Mexico, whence he removed to the city of Vera Cruz in the following October. In April, 1853, he was commissioned, by the great Mexican leader in the Mexican war, General Santa Anna, division surgeon of cavalry, this preferment having been accorded after General Santa Anna had returned to Mexico as dictator. The Doctor accompanied Santa Anna to the city of Mexico and retained his commission as surgeon until the abdication of Santa Anna, in 1855. In September of that year he tendered his resignation and in the following April he was appointed surgeon general of the army of the north, by Santiago Vidaurri, who was then governor and commander in chief of the military forces of Coahuila and Nueva Leon. In 1857 Doctor Southworth resigned his commission and returned to the city of Mexico, and in October of the fol-

lowing year he set forth for the United States, by way of Acapulco. He arrived in Monroe, Michigan, on the 5th of January, 1859, and this city thereafter represented his home until the close of his life. He gained a thorough knowledge of both the French and Spanish languages, and his education along all lines was of most liberal order, as may readily be understood from the data already incorporated in this context.

The climacteric period of the Civil war found Doctor Southworth ready to give loyal service in behalf of the Union, and in February, 1863, he was commissioned surgeon of the Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to the front and with which he continued in active and effective service until his health became seriously impaired, with the result that he was compelled to resign his commission, on the 11th of June, 1864. Upon the close of his service with this gallant Michigan command, Doctor Southworth returned to Monroe, and here he continued in the active practice of his profession until his death, one of the most able, popular and distinguished physicians and surgeons ever identified with professional activities in southern Michigan. He was a man of courtly bearing and most gracious personality, so that he naturally gained and retained secure place in the esteem and confidence of those with whom he came in contact. His human sympathy was of the most insistent order and transcended mere emotion or sentiment to become an actuating motive for helpfulness. While driving forth to make a professional visit, on the 26th of February, 1884, his carriage was struck and overturned by a runaway team, and he received in the accident an injury of the heart, the result being that he suffered greatly thereafter until his death, which occurred on the 12th of the following August.

Doctor Southworth was an influential and honored member of the American Medical Association, as was he also of the Michigan State Medical Society, of which he served as a vice-president in 1868 and 1869; and he was president of the Southern Michigan & Northern Indiana Medical Society at the time of its convention in Monroe, in 1876. He made valuable contributions to the periodical literature of his profession and ever held the confidence and high esteem of his medical confreres. He was an appreciative member of the Masonic fraternity and served at one time as high priest of River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, in Monroe. Though he never had any desire to enter the turmoil of practical politics, he was admirably fortified in his convictions as to matters of economic and governmental polity and was a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party.

On the 9th of February, 1859, Dr. Southworth wedded Miss Frances H. Blakeslee, of Monroe, and she died on the 28th of June, 1865, being survived by two daughters, Jennie, now Mrs. Charles H. Wallace and Cora Frances, who died at West Branch in 1894. In September, 1865, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Southworth to Miss Eliza Jane Clark, who was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on the 5th of December, 1832, and who was summoned to eternal rest on the 25th of May, 1894, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within the sphere of her gracious influence. She is survived by three children, Dr. Charles T., Jr., and Clinton B., of each of whom specific mention is

made on other pages of this publication; and Martha W., who is now Mrs. Fred H. Humphrey of Monroe.

CHARLES T. SOUTHWORTH, M. D. There are many points of salient order that render specially interesting a consideration in this publication of the career of this representative physician and surgeon of Monroe county. He is a native of the city of Monroe and is not only a scion of the third generation of the family in this county but also a representative in the third generation of the profession in which it has been given him to add new laurels to the name which he bears. On other pages is dedicated a memoir to his distinguished father, the late Dr. Charles Tracy Southworth, Sr., and thus further reference to the family history is not imperative in the present connection. It may further be said that the Doctor is one of the most progressive, liberal and loyal citizens of his native city and county, and the high esteem in which he is held in the community has been shown in divers and emphatic ways, not the least of which was his election to the office of mayor of Monroe, of which event in his career more specific mention will be made in a later paragraph.

Dr. Southworth was born in the city of Monroe, on the 12th of December, 1866, and he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools, including the high school, in which he was graduated in 1883. He then began the study of medicine under the able preceptorship of his distinguished father and finally entered the Detroit College of Medicine, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1886 and from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He forthwith entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, in New York city, in which he completed an effective post-graduate course and from which he received the supplemental degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1887. On June 6th of that year he opened an office in Monroe, where he has since been engaged in active general practice, and where he has long controlled a large and representative business as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of his native county. For a quarter of a century he maintained his office in the old building adjoining that of the First National Bank, and in 1911 he exchanged buildings with the bank. He remodeled the bank building, of which he thus became the owner, and here he now has one of the largest and best equipped private offices of professional order to be found in Monroe county, the library, furnishings and appointments of the same being most attractive and the facilities of the best modern type. The Doctor has continued to be a close and appreciative student and avails himself of the best in the standard and periodical literature of his profession. He is actively identified with the American Medical Association, the Michigan State Medical Society, the Tri-State Medical Society, and the Monroe County Medical Society.

Broad-minded and public-spirited in his civic attitude, Doctor Southworth has shown a lively interest in all that has tended to advance the wellbeing of his home city and county. He is a staunch Democrat in his political allegiance, and in 1892-93 he served as mayor of Monroe. He gave a most progressive and popular administration, during which many noteworthy public improvements were made, including the construction of street pavements of brick, the city having bonded itself for

this and other needed improvements. The mayor and council succeeded in ushering in an era of municipal progress and the policies brought forward by young and loyal citizens in the city council and by the equally progressive young mayor have been followed out to the great benefit of the city and its people. Doctor Southworth was the first president of the first board of public works in Monroe. He served two years as secretary and treasurer of the board of education and has otherwise manifested vital and helpful interest in the welfare of his home community. The Doctor and Mrs. Southworth are zealous communicants of Trinity church, Protestant Episcopal, and he is junior warden of the parish, one of the most liberal, loyal and valued members of its vestry. He and his family are influential and popular factors in the leading social life of Monroe, and the family home is known for its gracious and generous hospitality.

On the 30th of January, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Doctor Southworth to Miss Ellen F. Cochran, who was born in Iowa and reared in Flint county and who is a lady of culture and gracious personality. She is a step-daughter of Thomas R. Waters, and a well-known citizen of his county. Doctor and Mrs. Southworth have two sons, Tracy Waters, who was born April 9, 1895, and who is a member of the class of 1914 in the Allen school, at West Newton, Massachusetts; and Varnum Cochran, who is a member of the class of 1916 in the Monroe high school, his intention being to prepare himself for the medical profession, of which he will thus become a representative of the fourth generation of the family in this county.

A. B. LENNINGTON, M. D. A capable, diligent and attentive physician is necessarily one of the most serviceable citizens of any rural community, and for that reason, if for no other, is one of the most highly and universally esteemed of its residents. The people around him are likely to need him at any hour of the day or night, and when they do need him his services are inestimable. His patients lean on him as their main support in times of illness, and esteem him as their friendly and interested adviser at all times. Their very dependence upon him leads them to estimate his value highly, and they are justified in doing so. If to his professional ability and skill in the use of it, he adds high character and upright living, his hold upon their regard is all the stronger and the more justifiable.

Dr. A. B. Lennington of Maybee, one of the leading physicians of Monroe county, Michigan, is a gentleman of this description, and is justly deserving of the high opinion and cordial regard in which the people in all parts of the county hold him. He has lived at Maybee and been engaged in the active practice of medicine here since 1901, and is well known both as a physician and as a man. His success has been good from the start, and as the years of his service have passed, it has grown in volume and value until now he has a very large and active practice throughout many miles of the country surrounding Maybee on every side.

Dr. Lennington was born at York, Haldimand county, Ontario, on June 7, 1867. He is the son of W. C. and Elizabeth (Bell) Lennington,

the former a native of the state of New York, and the latter of Ontario. The father was descended of old Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry, the family being noted for generations for strict integrity, frugal living and patient and persistent industry. He grew to manhood in his native state and there married Miss Elizabeth Bell, who came of an old English family that had located in Ontario in the early days of our country. She died when the doctor was still very young, and he has no recollections of her.

W. C. Lennington, the father of the doctor, was a vigorous and successful carpenter and contractor in his days of activity. He is still living, and is now eighty-one years of age, but still stalwart and straight, six feet tall and muscular. His physique has always been striking, and is now more so than ever, with the great burden of years it is bearing unbowed. He has his home at North Yakima, Washington, where he has been living for a number of years. He and his wife were the parents of three children: William, who is a resident of North Yakima, Washington; Robert, who was a soldier and served in the Spanish-American war, and who is now deceased; and Andrew B., of this review.

Dr. Lennington was reared in Canada and obtained the beginning of his academic education in the provincial schools. He afterward attended Caledonia high school, Ontario, where he made an excellent record as a student, as he did also in the lower schools, and in 1896 matriculated at the Detroit Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1900, with the degree of M. D. and a fine record for studious habits, correct deportment and accurate scholarship in that institution, all of which gave him high standing in his classes.

On April 7, 1903, he was married in Monroe to Miss Julia Hasley, a young woman of excellent family and fine social attainments and position. She is a daughter of the late Daniel Hasley of Maybee, one of the pioneer settlers and business men of that village, and the builder and owner of the Maybee mills, which he operated for many years with profit to himself and great benefit to the community, constituting, as they did in the earlier days of their activity, one of the leading industries in this part of the state.

Dr. and Mrs. Lennington have four children: Horatio Andrew, who is now (1912) nine years old; Johann, who is between seven and eight; Phyllis Susie, aged six, and Patricia Helen, who was born on February 9, 1912.

The doctor's office is one of the finest in town. It is built of brick, with a private drug room and study and an attractive and comfortable waiting room. He also owns a choice brick residence built in 1912, containing nine rooms, including a well equipped bath room, concrete basement, with steam heat and all modern appliances and appointments.

Dr. Lennington is a close student of his profession, leaving no means untried to keep in touch with the most advanced thought and discoveries in theory and practice. The best literature on the medical science is one fount of progressive knowledge from which he imbibes freely, and another is free intercourse and exchange of reading, reflection and practical experience with his professional confreres. These he secures by active membership in the County, State and American Medical socie-

ties, and other organizations of a similar nature to which he has belonged for years. Successful in his professional work; active and serviceable in his citizenship, and of a pleasing personality which makes him a very agreeable companion, he is easily one of the best and most representative men in his community.

DR. J. H. McCALL. There is no class of men who work for the good of mankind that is more useful or self-sacrificing, that subordinates its own comfort and convenience more completely to the general welfare, as well as to the needs of individual members of a community, or that is generally held in higher esteem than physicians. The people everywhere seem to think the doctor in their neighborhood belongs to them at any hour of the day or night, and must be subject to their beck and call at any time and under any circumstances. The doctors appear to take the same view of their duty to their community, and are almost always responsive to its commands.

One of the successful and zealous physicians and surgeons of Monroe county, Michigan, who is making a fine record for fidelity to duty and skill and ability in performing it, is Dr. J. H. McCall of Carleton. Although he was graduated from the medical college but two years ago, and has been located and in practice at Carleton but a little over one year, Dr. McCall has already established himself firmly in the confidence and high regard of the people around him, and is building up a large and remunerative business in his profession.

Dr. McCall is a scion of one of the best known families of St. Clair county, Michigan, where he was born on July 23, 1884. He is a son of Thomas and Lettie (Potter) McCall. The father is a prominent banker in St. Clair county, and one of the leading citizens of that part of this state. He has been in business there a long time and by his enterprise and progressiveness in conducting his own affairs and his cordial and helpful interest in the substantial progress and improvement of his locality, he has won a high place in the esteem of the people, locally and in many other parts of the state, for he is widely and favorably known.

His son, the doctor, obtained his academic education in the public schools, and this included a complete high school course of instruction. He was graduated from the high school with credit to himself and the school, and in 1906 he became a student in the Detroit College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in the class of 1910 with the degree of M. D. and the honors of his class. In July, 1911, he located at Carleton, and here he has ever since given his whole time and attention to his growing practice, so far as that was required, neglecting no call and slighting no opportunity to render good service to anyone in need of his professional ministrations.

Knowing well the progressive character of his profession, and that hosts of bright and brainy men are continually searching through all its phases in theory and practice with a view to its improvement and more extensive usefulness, Dr. McCall is a close student of its developments, reading its best literature reflectively and making use of all the means it offers for larger and more accurate knowledge. He is an active

member of the Monroe County Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and takes a deep and practical interest in all the work these organizations do. He is also a thoughtful observer of manifestations and developments in his own practice, and lays to heart all the results of his observations. There is no avenue to professional improvement which he does not use in his progress.

As an adjunct to his professional work and a means of making it more successful, the doctor has a drug store in Carleton, which is one of the leading and most popular emporiums of the kind in southeastern Michigan. In this he always has in stock a full supply of fresh and high-class drugs and chemicals, and the other commodities which are allied with them in trade, including toilet articles, books, jewelry and other sundries. The utmost care is used in compounding prescriptions, and good taste and judgment govern in the selection of the stock of all kinds, while strict integrity is the rule in all transactions in the trade.

On November 25, 1907, Dr. McCall was united in marriage with Miss Bessie Guyer, a young lady of good family and broad general intelligence and fine social culture. They have one child, their daughter Virginia Marjorie. The parents are prominent in the social life of the community, and esteemed as valuable aids to all good agencies working among the people for their betterment in every way, morally, intellectually, socially and materially, and are universally accorded a high rank as representatives of all that is best in the citizenship of the city and county in which they live.

In fraternal relations the doctor is a Free mason of the Knights Templar degree, holding his membership in the organizations of the fraternity established in Monroe. He is also a member of the Detroit Lodge of Elks. He takes an earnest interest and an active part in the work of these fraternities, and makes his membership in them valuable and serviceable in every way open to him for the purpose. Although a young man yet in years and in professional work, he is a rising star, and eminence as a physician and a citizen is freely predicted for him.

LEWIS RICHARDS. Among the names of those intimately associated with the pioneer history of Monroe county, Michigan, is that belonging to the Richards family, members of which located here at a day when the most primitive conditions prevailed and through their work developed excellent farming property out of raw prairie and timber land. A representative of this old and honored family is found in the person of Lewis Richards, one of the prominent agriculturists of this locality, who owns and operates 280 acres of excellent land in section 5, Exeter township, and who has the added distinction of being a veteran of the great Civil war. Mr. Richards was born in the city of Detroit, Michigan, in November, 1844, and is a son of Marshall and Mary (Reshire) Richards.

Marshall Richards was born in the province of Quebec, Canada, a member of an old French family of that country, and his wife was also connected with a family which had its origin in France. Not long after their marriage they removed to Detroit, Michigan, from which city they came to Monroe county, settling near the village of Raisinville, where they spent the remainder of their lives, dying at an advanced age, in

the neighborhood of seventy years. They had a family of five children, as follows: Julia, Lewis, Adeline, Joel and Amelia. Mr. and Mrs. Richards were members of the Roman Catholic church, and their children were all reared in that faith.

Lewis Richards was educated in the public schools of Exeter township, his mental training being looked after during the winter terms, while his physical advancement progressed as he gave of his best labor in the cultivation of the home farm during the summer months. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he remained at home and assisted his father until his patriotism prompted him to take up arms in defense of his country, and when still less than twenty years of age he left home and went to Buffalo, New York. In that city he enlisted as a member of Company I, Eighth Regiment, New York Cavalry, in June, 1864, the regiment being immediately ordered south to Chapel Point, Virginia, in which state and West Virginia the greater part of their service was spent in guard duty. At the close of the war, the regiment was ordered to New York City, and there Mr. Richards received his honorable discharge. On his return to Michigan, Mr. Richards resumed farming in addition to which he operated a sawmill and engaged in lumbering to a considerable extent, but eventually agricultural pursuits demanded all of his attention, and each year has found him adding to the value and acreage of his land. The 280-acre farm is all in a high state of cultivation, its fields and pastures are neatly and substantially fenced, and its general appearance throughout testifies to the skill and good management of its owner. A large, well-built farm house, surrounded by shade trees, graces the north end of the property, in addition to which there is a barn, 50x100 feet, for the stock, and smaller buildings for the grain and implements. A public-spirited citizen, he has assisted in promoting movements of a progressive nature, and at all times has been a staunch supporter of education, morality and good citizenship.

At the age of twenty-three years Mr. Richards was united in marriage with Mrs. Adeline Delye (nee Stock), a widow, who had five children by her first marriage, namely: Joseph, Zachariah, Harry, Henry and William. Mr. and Mrs. Richards have three daughters: Susan, Helen and Lizzie.

LEWIS W. BOND, a retired farmer and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Raisinville township, Monroe county, Michigan, on May 5, 1837, the son of Louis W. and Julia (Giyard) Bond, of English and French descent, respectively. The mother was born in French township, Monroe county, in 1800, and died in 1874. Both were residents of Monroe county until their death. They were the parents of three daughters and two sons, of which number Lewis W., the subject, and Julia Hubbel are now living.

Lewis W. Bond was reared to manhood in Raisinville township and attended the district schools when he might. In 1862 he enlisted in Company K of the Eighteenth Infantry and was consigned to the Fourteenth Army Corps under General Grant. He served through to the close of the war and though he participated in many a raging conflict, he was never wounded, one of the engagements he was in being a battle

of four days' and four nights' duration at Decatur, Alabama. On June 26, 1865, he was mustered out and returned home to the farm, where he took up the old routine life once more. He has since continued in that industry, and has won a place of high regard in the hearts of his fellow townspeople with the passing years.

He married Victoria Navarre, a granddaughter of Col. Francis Navarre, and three children were born to them: Frank, who enlisted as a soldier in the Spanish-American war, died in Detroit in 1898; Jefferson, and Robert, who is unmarried and lives at home. In 1879 the wife and mother died, and in later years Mr. Bond married Lizzie C. Caldwell, the marriage taking place on September 8, 1880. She was born on July 3, 1847, in the city of Monroe, Michigan, and was educated in St. Mary's Academy. She is an accomplished musician and has taught with excellent success.

The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church. Mr. Bond is a Republican, and is active in the interests of the party. He was justice of the peace of his township for twenty-four years and has held various school offices. He is a member of Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76, G. A. R., of Monroe, Michigan. His farm of eighty acres was originally a grant from the government, and the deed which his father secured to it was signed by Andrew Jackson.

OTTO C. KNAB, an energetic and prosperous young farmer of La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, was born November 26, 1879, on the farm on which he now lives, son of Charles F. and Elizabeth (Reinhardt) Knab, both of German parentage.

Charles F. Knab, also a native of La Salle township, was born March 11, 1847, son of Charles and Margaret (Lehrer) Knab, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America in early life, previous to their marriage, and in La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, they spent the greater part of their lives and died.

Elizabeth (Reinhardt) Knab was a daughter of Jacob and Louise (Klauplin) Reinhardt, both natives of Germany and pioneers of Michigan. Jacob Reinhardt was born April 8, 1826, and died June 6, 1902; his wife died in July, 1908. They were the parents of seven children, all still living, namely: Catharine, Elizabeth, George (who married Helen Ballinger), Mary (wife of George L. Knab), Augusta (wife of John Heck), Philip (who married Lizzie Knab), and Charles (who married Emma Mullock). Elizabeth was born in La Salle township, February 6, 1853, and is still living. Her husband, Charles F. Knab, died May 8, 1891. It was May 29, 1873, that they were married, and the children born to them, five in number, are as follows: Louise, wife of Christ Goetz; Fred G., who married May Shew; Otto C., whose name introduces this sketch; Elnora, wife of Charles Kinney, and Matilda, wife of Otto Albright of Detroit, where they live.

Otto C. in his youth attended district school, also a German school, and since reaching adult age has been engaged in operating the farm on which he was born and reared, now being the owner of 138 acres (in private claim No. 431).

February 27, 1906, Otto C. Knab and Anna K. Knapp were united

in marriage, and to them have been given two children: Beatrice M., born March 17, 1908, and Herbert O., April 13, 1909. Mrs. Knab is a native of Monroe county, born July 25, 1884.

The religious faith of the Knab family is that of the German Lutheran church, of which Mr. Knab has been treasurer for six years, and in this church, according to the usual custom, he was confirmed when a youth. He is a member of La Salle Grange, and for six years past has filled the office of overseer.

CLARENCE LEE MILLER, one of the representative citizens of La Salle, Michigan, and a prominent merchant and farmer of the town, was born here on October 24, 1856, the son of Lucien B. and Lorain B. (Johnson) Miller. The father was born at Seneca, Seneca county, New York, on March 6, 1831, and the mother in Rushford, Allegany county, New York, on February 27, 1832.

Lucien B. Miller was the son of John Miller, born at Saratoga Springs, New York, on December 17, 1807, and the grandson of Josiah Miller, who came to New York from Holland at some time prior to 1807, and located in Auburn. In May, 1831, when Lucien B. Miller was but two months old, his parents brought him to Michigan, where they located in Monroe county, and there he was reared and passed his life. He was one of the well known and highly estimable citizens of the town for years and was prominent in the public life of the county. He held the office of justice of the peace for years and was a member of the Michigan legislature for two terms. In 1877 he was the author of the so-called Muskrat bill for the protection of the muskrat, and he was supervisor of his township for a number of terms. He was always a Democrat, as have been members of the family since it was founded in America, or since the birth of the party. He was a farmer in addition to his other interests, and took an active interest in the development of Monroe county as a farming section and performed his full duty in the development work of his time. He died on December 12, 1894, and his widow still survives him. They became the parents of these children: Horace, the eldest, was burned to death when two years old; the others are Clarence, the subject of this review; Geneva, Genoa, Adelaide, who died at the age of twenty as the result of an illness from typhoid fever, and Lucien. The mother, who is now in her eightieth year and enjoying good health, although her eyesight is somewhat impaired, came to Michigan on April 15, 1845, with her parents. She is the daughter of John and Maryann (Bradford) Johnson. The father was born in Vermont, February 4, 1808, and died on October 3, 1874. He was a Republican and a man deeply interested in church and school activities. The mother lived until October 13, 1901. They lived on a farm in La Salle, Monroe county, for more than fifty years. Timothy Bradford, the father of Maryann (Bradford) Johnson, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. When the war was over Bradford went home with General Washington, remaining with him until the following spring, and when he took his departure, the general presented him with a pony and saddle.

Josiah Miller, the first of the name in America, had four children,—

John, Hiram, James and Hannah. His son, John, became the father of Lucien, Cynthia, Josiah, Frances, John and Josephine; Hiram was the father of Hiram, Simon, Mintha, Phoebe, Sarah, Sarahann and Georgeanne, while James, the third son of the founder of the family, had children, Stacy, George and Alice.

Clarence L. Miller received only a common school education, and has passed his life in various occupations thus far. He is known now as a prosperous farmer and merchant, and is also engaged in operating a cider mill. Formerly he was identified with the threshing business and for twenty-five years was engaged in that manner. He is a man of exceptionally good standing in his township and has held various public offices, among them that of township clerk and member of the school board in various capacities. He is now a director of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is agent for the Windstorm Insurance Company as well. Mr. Miller is not connected with any church by membership, but is generous in his attitude toward all and gives his support in many ways. He is fraternally identified by his membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is a beneficiary member, and he has been clerk of the order since its organization here on February 2, 1900.

On July 3, 1877, Mr. Miller was united in marriage at Erie, Michigan, by Rev. Kroh, to Miss Lena Miller, who was born in Carleton, Monroe county, on August 14, 1860. She was reared by her uncle and aunt, Melchior and Margretta Koegle, in Sandusky, Ohio, her mother dying when she was two years old. Her father, Peter Miller and her mother, Frances (Mason) Miller, were born in Baden, Germany, where the father spent fourteen years in the German army. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Horace G., born August 31, 1878, and died January 31, 1901; Edith M., born April 19, 1880, is the wife of Dr. Edwin Sylvester Cornwell, of Otis, Massachusetts, but now of La Salle, Michigan, where Doctor Cornwell is the only practicing physician in the town. They were married on September 23, 1901. Charles W. was born October 4, 1882. In later years, when their children had left the parental homes, the kindly hearted couple took two orphaned children from the state normal school to rear. The boy, William Johnson, was seven years old when he came to the Millers, and he is now in his seventeenth year. He has received the advantage of a good common school education and has taken the name Miller. He is a bright, industrious boy, and fully justifies the kindness with which he has been treated in the Miller home. The girl, Helma Lytia Granlud, also was seven years old when the Millers took her, and is now seventeen years old. She has received the same advantages that the boy was given, and like him, is proving well worthy the generous care accorded to her in the home of her adopted parents.

ALFRED L. GILDAY, supervisor of La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, is one of the wide-awake and up-to-date young men of his locality, Erie being his postoffice address. He belongs to a family long resident of Monroe county, and their history in connection with personal mention of him should be given a place in this work.

Alfred L. Gilday was born on a farm on section 31, La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, October 28, 1881, son of James B. and Ella (Stankard) Gilday.

James B. Gilday is a son of William Gilday and wife, nee Kavany, both natives of the Emerald Isle, from whence they came to America and to Monroe county, Michigan, some time in the '30s. Here they lived for many years, reared their family and died. Ella (Stankard) Gilday is a daughter of Edward Stankard and wife, nee Jane Kelly, also both natives of Ireland, who, on coming to this country in the '50s, settled in Ohio, and from there, about the time of the Civil war, moved to Michigan and became residents of Monroe county. Thus the history of both the Gildays and Stankards dates back to the primitive settlements of this locality, when log schoolhouses were in vogue and pioneer homes were far apart. Both James B. Gilday and his wife conned their district school lessons in a log house, and previous to her marriage she was a teacher in Monroe county. With the passing years sons and daughters to the number of eight were given to them, whose names in order of birth are as follows: William E., Alice, Alfred L., Jennie A., James Grover, Walter, Byron and Mary. All have had the benefit of educational advantages, and two of the daughters are now engaged in teaching. Alice in her native county, and Jennie A. at Hammond, Indiana, the latter being a graduate of both the Monroe high school and Ypsilanti normal school. Byron is also a graduate of Monroe high school, and Mary, of St. Mary's Academy, Monroe, she being a member of the class of 1912.

Alfred L. Gilday, like the other members of the family, passed his boyhood days on his father's farm. He graduated with the June class of 1902 from Monroe high school, and during the next six years taught school in winter and worked on the farm in summer. For five months he was principal of the school at Erie, Michigan, and at the end of that time severed his connection with this work to accept a position to which he was appointed at Washington, D. C. He remained in Washington until the summer of 1911, and during his stay in that city attended law school at night at Georgetown. He came home with the degree of LL. B., which he received in June. At the March caucus of the Republicans of La Salle township he received the unanimous vote for supervisor, and the following April was elected by a majority of ten votes, this in a township counted Democratic by from fifty to one hundred votes. Mr. Gilday is the second Republican ever elected supervisor of La Salle township.

Fraternally, Mr. Gilday is identified with the K. C. of Monroe and the K. O. T. M. of Erie. The Gilday family, Alfred L. included, are members of St. Joseph Catholic church at Erie.

BENJAMIN J. GREENING. With the industrial and commercial progress of fine old Monroe county no name has been more worthily and influentially identified than that of the Greening family, and of the same the subject of this review is a representative of the fourth generation in the county. On other pages of this publication is given a review of the career of his father, Charles E. Greening, president of the Greening Nursery Company, and also of the latter's father, John C. W. Greening,

who was the founder of the family in Monroe county and also of the business which has been developed into the great industrial enterprise now controlled by the Greening Nursery Company. Concerning this corporation, which has been a most important factor in furthering the material and civic upbuilding of the county, adequate mention is made in the sketch dedicated to Charles E. Greening, and thus it is necessary in the present connection to state only that Benjamin J. Greening is vice president of the company and general manager of its nurseries. He is an alert and progressive young business man and is aiding effectually in maintaining the high prestige of the family name in connection with the important line of industry with which it has been long and prominently concerned.

Benjamin Jansen Greening was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, on the 5th of February, 1882, and is the elder of the two sons of Charles E., and E. Frederic (Janson) Greening. To the public schools of his native city Mr. Greening is indebted for his early educational discipline, and in 1901, after his graduation in the high school, he entered the Cleary Business College, in the city of Ypsilanti, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1902. He then assumed a position in the offices of the Greening Nursery Company, and familiarized himself with the various departments of the business. Finally he became a traveling salesman for the company, in the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and he continued to be thus engaged until 1903, when he again assumed a position in the home offices of the company. In the autumn of 1904 he entered Harvard University, in which historic institution he completed a special course in botany and landscape gardening. The impaired health of his father caused him to leave the university and he thereafter had general charge of the offices of the Greening Nursery Company until the 1st of January, 1907, when he was made vice president of the corporation, a position which he has since retained and in which he has proved a capable and progressive executive. He also has the general management of the mammoth nurseries of the company and is an authority in the various details of this line of industry, of which the Greening Company is one of the most extensive representatives in the entire Union, as will be seen by reference to the other articles relative to the members of the family and to the specific industrial chapter incorporated in this publication.

Benjamin J. Greening manifests the same civic loyalty and public spirit that have so signally characterized his father, and nothing that touches the well-being of his native city and county fails to enlist his interest. He is a Republican in his political allegiance.

On the 11th of May, 1911, Mr. Greening was united in marriage to Miss Helen L. Bronson, who was born and reared in Monroe and whose father, John P. Bronson, is one of the representative business men and influential citizens of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Greening have a beautiful modern residence at 208 South Macomb street and the same is a center of gracious hospitality, as both are popular factors in the representative social activities of their home city.

WILLIAM N. LANPHERE, prominent in building circles of Monroe, and an architect of unquestionable ability, has been for several years closely

identified with the growth and expansion of the city in which he has made his home. His labors have been of a large and worthy character and have been resultant in much good to the city. He is acknowledged to be one of the most progressive and wide-awake citizens of the community, and one whose industry and influence are important factors in the furthering of the best interests of Monroe.

Mr. Lanphere is a native of New York state, born in Chautauqua county, December 17, 1868, the son of Asa and Mary (Daily) Lanphere, both of whom were natives of that state and who there passed their lives and died in advanced years. The father was a farmer, and prospered in his affairs. The son, William, attended the public and high schools of his native town. After leaving school he devoted himself to the learning of the carpenter trade in Jamestown, New York state, and while he was thus engaged he carried on studies in architecture, his ambition being to become an architect. He succeeded so well that when he came west in 1890 and located in Detroit he carried on a successful business in architecture and in real estate, to which latter business he gave a part of his time. For seven years he remained in Detroit, enjoying a measure of prosperity, after which he removed to Monroe, seeing in that place exceptional opportunities for his business in the future growth of the city. Here he has become one of the foremost men in the building business, and many of the more important buildings in Monroe were built after plans and specifications prepared by Mr. Lanphere, the St. Mary's school being an example of his architectural skill. Quick to realize the relative importance of existing conditions, Mr. Lanphere associated with several other citizens, subdivided and platted Riverview addition. Riverview has built up in a most pleasing manner and is a fine example of the foresight and progressiveness of Mr. Lanphere and his associates. This addition is well improved in every way, having fine streets, with excellent sewer and water systems.

In 1902 Mr. Lanphere married Miss Mabel Gibb, of Detroit, a daughter of Antony Gibb. She was educated in the public schools of her native city. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lanphere—Margaret, Genevieve and Harold A. The family occupy the fine home which Mr. Lanphere recently erected, and which is a model of excellence and beauty, modern and appropriate in every detail.

Mr. Lanphere is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 209 Monroe, and is identified with many of the forward movements of the city. He is a thorough citizen and a valuable asset to the civic life of any community.

VICTOR J. BERTHELOTE. There are turning points in every man's life called opportunity. Taken advantage of, they mean ultimate success. The career of Victor J. Berthelote is a striking illustration of the latter statement. Diligent and ever alert for his chance of advancement, he has progressed steadily until he is recognized to-day as one of the foremost business men of Monroe, Michigan. Here he is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens, who honor him for his native ability and straightforward career. In 1908 he was elected justice of the peace of Monroe county and he is still the efficient incumbent of that responsible position in 1912.

A native son of Monroe, Michigan, Victor J. Berthelote was born December 28, 1856. He is a son of Louis and Victoria (Moross) Berthelote, the former of whom was born in Calais, France, in 1811, and the latter of whom was born at Erie, Michigan, in 1836. Lewis Berthelote accompanied his parents to the United States in 1827; they landed in New York City, and after living there for a time the young Lewis went south. In 1834 he decided to come west and in that year located at Monroe, Michigan, where he resided during the remainder of his life-time and where he died in 1881. He was a carpenter by trade and being handy with all kinds of tools, also became a skilled mechanic. He was employed by different parties at Monroe, and engaged in the grocery business from 1840 to his demise and managed to lay up a small competency. He was long survived by his wife, who died in 1906. He was the father of eight children, of whom the subject of this review was the youngest in order of birth.

Victor J. Berthelote attended the public school at Monroe, and later was a student in the parochial school at Dayton, Ohio, in which latter place he likewise attended St. Mary's Institute. After completing his educational training he returned to Monroe, where he embarked in the grocery business, in which line of enterprise he was most successfully engaged for the ensuing twenty years. In 1906 he turned his attention to the real estate and insurance business, and during the long intervening years to the present time he has been an extensive and prominent dealer in city property as well as farm lands. In politics he is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and in 1908 he was given proof of the high esteem of his fellow citizens by election to the office of justice of the peace of Monroe county. He was elected for a term of four years and is still incumbent of the office, in discharging the duties of which he is acquitting himself with the utmost honor and efficiency. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of the Maccabees, and in their religious faith he and his family are devout members of St. Mary's Catholic church.

In the year 1877 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Berthelote to Miss Victoria Heven, a daughter of Lewis Heven, of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. Berthelote have four children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Lewis C. is in the employ of the Weis Manufacturing Company, at Monroe; Laura A. is the wife of Perry Overmeyer and they reside at Monroe; and Stella I., and Emma A., remain at the parental home.

HERMAN J. REISIG. A lifelong resident of Monroe, and for nearly thirty years in business, Herman J. Reisig is a merchant and citizen who needs no introduction to the people of Monroe county. The Reisig family has been identified with the tailoring business in this city for more than half a century, and to thousands of customers during nearly two generations the name has stood for reliable and highest grade of workmanship.

Mr. Reisig was born here on the 22d of January, 1860. His father

was the late Leonard Reisig, who died in 1907. His mother's name was Margaret (Kohn) Reisig, who is also deceased. The father, who was a native of Bavaria, Germany, spent the years from six to fourteen in the common schools of his native land, and then became apprentice to the tailor's trade. As the custom is, in Germany, after finishing his apprenticeship he served as journeyman in several places, and in 1847 emigrated to America. From New York he first went to Baltimore, then to Defiance, Ohio, and finally to Monroe, Michigan, where he was a cutter for M. Maryfield for some years, and later was connected with the establishment of his son until his retirement from a long and active career.

Herman J. Reisig, up to his sixteenth year, was a student in the parochial and public schools of Monroe. He learned his trade in this city, after which he spent several months in John J. Mitchell Cutting School, where he gained a finish and expertness in his craft. In 1883 he started business on his own account, and for nearly thirty years has enjoyed a prosperous trade. His store, occupying space 22 x 80 feet, has a fine stock of foreign and domestic cloths, and year after year he supplies the wants of a large and critical patronage. He also operates a cleaning and dry-pressing establishment. Besides this regular and long established business, Mr. Reisig is a stockholder in the River Raisin Paper Company, and is interested in other local enterprises.

Mr. Reisig's home is a substantial brick residence at 557 Fifth street. His wife, whom he married in 1888, was Miss Louisa I. Eichbauer, a daughter of Leonard and Christina Eichbauer, old and well-known residents of Monroe. The six children born to their marriage are as follows: Herbert, who is associated with his father in business; Eliza A., a stenographer; Anita; Edmund; Alma, and Albert. The family are members of the Trinity Lutheran church, to which Mr. Reisig has given a service of twenty-five years as a trustee and for several years was treasurer.

PETER A. LEONARD, one of Monroe county's representative citizens whose agricultural interests cover 102 acres in Erie township and 15½ acres in Bedford township, has made a specialty of the fruit business, in which he has been very successful. As a prominent factor in this industry in his locality, some personal mention of him and his family is of interest in connection with this biographical record of the leading men and women of Monroe county.

Peter A. Leonard was born in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, December 25, 1865, son of Antwine and Julian (Dusseau) Leonard.

Antwine Leonard, also a native of Monroe county, was born in La Salle township in 1825, son of Francis and Julia (Connor) Leonard, the former a native of France, the latter of Detroit, Michigan, of Irish descent. Francis Leonard and his wife spent the greater part of their lives and died in Monroe county. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, one of whom was living in 1912—Joseph Leonard, a resident of Bay county, Michigan. Antwine Leonard and his wife had eight children, of whom three are living at this writing, Peter A.

and two sisters, Josephine M., wife of Frank Roe, of Dundee, Michigan, and Dalia, wife of Andrew Roe, of Lenawee county, Michigan.

His father a farmer, Peter A. grew up as other farmer boys. He attended district school during the winter terms until he was seventeen. From that time until he was twenty-three he worked for his father, and then, on reaching his majority, he married and settled down to farming on his own responsibility. With the exception of 22½ acres which he received from his father's estate, he has earned everything he has by his own industry and good management.

Mr. Leonard married, October 29, 1889, Miss Josephine Cousino, who was born in La Salle township, Monroe county, October 18, 1866, daughter of Peter and Mary A. (Stine) Cousino, and they are the parents of three children: Bernadett, Anthony and Loretto, all at home.

Mr. Leonard has been a Democrat all his life and for the past eighteen years has filled the office of justice of the peace in his township. He and his family are members of the St. Joseph Catholic church of Erie.

JOHN VIVIAN, a well educated and substantial farmer of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, is well and favorably known throughout a large section of this part of the country. Of English descent he is a type of the stock that forms the real backbone of the American nation.

Born in Frenchtown township October 12, 1863, his parents are Robert G. and Mary (Kellie) Vivian. Mr. Vivian was born in 1823 in Dorsetshire, England, and was a sailor on the ocean until he came to America in the 'forties. Mrs. Vivian, who is still living, was born in 1835. They were married in 1857, and became the parents of ten children, six of whom have at one time or another in their lives been teachers. Martha, who is single, and who served for a while as a teacher in Monroe county, lives at the old homestead. Joseph A. is also single and has remained with his mother on the farm. Of the others John is a farmer; Richard married Sarah Knaggs; Elizabeth G., unmarried, is a graduate of the Monroe high school and teaches; Mary B. graduated from the Toledo Hospital and is now following her profession as a nurse; Ruth is unmarried and lives at home with her mother; Jessie is the wife of Warren Webster of Beaumont, Texas; William P., after graduating from the Monroe high school, became one of the partners of the Advance Lumber Company of Detroit, Michigan; Margaret G. is a bookkeeper for the U. S. Pressed Steel Company of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

John Vivian was raised on the farm and attended the district schools and the Monroe high school. He also became a teacher immediately after he completed his own education, but left that occupation after one year to take up farming. He now owns one hundred acres of land three miles north of Monroe, Michigan, where he keeps high-grade Holstein cattle. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Monroe and also of the Frenchtown Grange. In connection with this latter he served as overseer for years. He belongs to the Republican party. On June 25, 1902, he and Cora Lane were married. She is a native of Adams township, Lucas county, Ohio, having been born there November 22, 1867, the

daughter of Alonzo Lane and Mary A. (Driver) Lane. Mr. Lane was a native of Ohio and his wife the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Driver, who had been born in England. Mrs. Vivian was one in a family of seven children, six of whom are still living, Henry A., of Toledo, Ohio, Etta, the wife of Jay C. Newbirt, of Toledo, Frank E., who married Anna Beier, Charles A. of Toledo, Dora B., the wife of H. J. Schneider of Toledo, and L. N., who was married to Gertrude Emery of Toledo. Mrs. Vivian attended the district schools near her home until she was eighteen years old. She and Mr. Vivian have had two children, Maribel K., born May 9, 1904, and Robert A., born September 30, 1907.

MRS. OLLIE MATTESON, of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, is one of the arbiters of social destinies in her community, and is an active church worker. She is a woman of culture and refinement and has raised an interesting family of children whose individuality and originality she has fostered to the utmost. Although her interests heretofore had lain more in the other direction, since the death of her husband in 1908, she had attended to all her business affairs herself in an able manner, and has shown herself to be a capable and adaptable woman. She owns 208 acres of the best land in Monroe county improved to a degree not surpassed by any other farm within miles.

Mrs. Matteson's parents, Jay Loveridge and Jane (Reading) Loveridge, were born, the one in New York and the other in Monroe county, Michigan. As a result of their marriage, which took place in Mrs. Loveridge's home county, four children were born, three of whom, Ollie, Jennie, the wife of Gabriel Parsons of Flat Rock, and Edward, who married Hattie Matteson, are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Loveridge lived on a farm in Monroe county.

Ollie Matteson was born in Berlin township, Monroe county, June 8, 1858. She was raised in South Rockwood, receiving her early education in the public schools of that town, and finishing with a course at the Flat Rock high school. At the age of sixteen she began to teach school and continued in that profession until she was twenty-nine. On January 5, 1887, she was married to George W. Matteson, who was born on Stony creek in Frenchtown township, November 23, 1854, the son of Elon G. Matteson and Julia L. (Cowles) Matteson, both natives of Calhoun county, Michigan. Mr. Matteson was educated in the common schools. To them were born five children, Jay, in August, 1890, a graduate of the common schools, Lee, on October 3, 1891, a graduate of the common schools, Hazel, on November 28, 1894, at present a student in the Monroe high school and with a decided talent for music, Violet, on October 2, 1897, and Geraldine, on March 21, 1903. For many years Mr. Matteson was a deacon in the Congregational church of Newport, of which the whole family are members, and of which Mrs. Matteson is now the clerk. Affiliated with the Republican party, he was much interested in local affairs and for many years served as highway commissioner. He was and Mrs. Matteson now is a member of the Frenchtown Grange. Mr. Matteson died November 12, 1908.

ROBERT G. VIVIAN, of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, is a good example of the new type of farmers that is growing up in this country. A progressive, live man, alert to every opportunity for advancement, quick to seize upon every labor-saving device, he represents the spirit in the modern rural community that sees no reason why it, despite its comparative isolation, should not have all the comforts and conveniences of the large city. Mr. Vivian's house is thoroughly modern and is fitted up in a way to comply with every desire which the complexities of the twentieth century civilization has suggested to its generation.

Mr. Vivian was born in Frenchtown township February 26, 1879, the only child of his parents, Abel and Margaret (Cannon) Vivian. He was born in Dorsetshire, England, December 29, 1829, the son of William and Mary (Gale) Vivian, and she on the Isle of Man, March 20, 1848, the daughter of John and Catharine Cannon. They were married at Toledo May 26, 1877. Their deaths occurred within seven years of each other, his on December 27, 1892, and hers on May 21, 1900. Robert G. was raised on the farm, and after going through the district schools was sent to the Monroe high school and later to the Cleary Business College at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Immediately afterwards he started farming. His marriage with Rosalia C. Vroman took place February 27, 1902, and they have had no children. Mrs. Vivian was born in Willoughby, Lake county, Ohio, March 1, 1866, the daughter of Martin and Emma J. (Stevens) Vroman. Her father, who was born in Otsego county, New York, March 17, 1819, died March 25, 1895, but her mother, who was born in Willoughby, Ohio, September 30, 1844, is still living. Mrs. Vivian was a member of the graduating class of 1885 of the Monroe high school, and later took a two years' course at the State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Michigan. She then took up the profession of teaching, serving in that capacity for three years at Newport. She made an excellent record in her work and if she had not married but had continued in her work she would probably have risen to a position of great prominence among the teaching fraternity.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vivian are members of the Frenchtown Grange No. 749, of which Mr. Vivian is treasurer. On their farm, known as Stony Creek Stock Farm and lying five miles north of Monroe, they breed registered Duroc Jersey hogs, and registered Holstein cattle. Mr. Vivian is a Republican, but he has never taken any active part in local affairs, although he was one of the census enumerators in 1910.

ORRIN J. LEONARD has spent most of his life in filling public offices whose duties he has carried out honorably and efficiently. Conscientious and painstaking, he has never shirked his work. For two years he has been school inspector, and supervisor for eight years at one time, and for three years at another. He also held the office of county clerk for one term of four years. Besides these functions as a public official Mr. Leonard taught school in Monroe county for eighteen terms, and was also in the grocery business in Monroe for two years. He is now a general farmer owning one hundred and forty acres of land in La Salle and Monroe townships, four miles south of Monroe. Mr. Leonard is

a member of the La Salle Grange and of the I. O. O. F. No. 19 of Monroe. He belongs to the Democratic party.

Mr. Leonard's grandfather, Jacob Leonard, came to Monroe county, Michigan, from New York as a pioneer. His son, Orrin A., was born in this county on the River Raisin, and upon his marriage with Mary J. Day, a native of Ohio, became the father of four boys and one girl, of whom four are now living, Orrin J., William, Nelson, and Elenora, the wife of James M. Bentley. Orrin J. was born on the farm adjacent to the one he now lives on, December 5, 1851, and received his education in the district schools, finishing the common branches in the Princeton, Illinois, high school. In April, 1872, he was married to Caroline Charter, who was born in La Salle township, December 4, 1851, and received her education in the common schools, and they became the parents of three sons, Henry E., who married Amber Middaugh of Detroit, Kinsely E., who has remained a bachelor and helps his father on the farm, and Miles D., who married Mayme Knab of La Salle township.

DANIEL J. LAUDENSLAGER, a farmer of La Salle township, Monroe county, Michigan, is held in high esteem by all who know him. Everything he has attempted he has always done thoroughly and conscientiously, and has never shirked a duty either public or private. Conservative rather than radical in his attitudes and outlook on life, he is a solid and responsible citizen whom no one would hesitate to trust.

Born in Sandusky county, Ohio, March 7, 1852, Mr. Laudenslager was the son of Daniel and Margaret (Augustine) Laudenslager, the one a native of Pennsylvania, and the other of Ohio. They came to Monroe county in 1863 and settled on the farm where their son now lives. Besides Daniel J. they had three other children, two of whom are still living, Charles W. and Richard. Daniel J. was about eleven years old when his parents moved to La Salle township, and he immediately started in the district schools there, studying in winter, and working on the farm in summer. He helped his father until he was twenty years old and then started farming on his own account. February 19, 1878, he was married to Sue Rauch, who was born in La Salle township, January 20, 1854, the daughter of Peter and Lydia (Pomeroy) Rauch, who like Mr. Laudenslager's parents, were natives, the one of Pennsylvania and the other of Ohio. Miss Rauch had received a fair common school education. They became the parents of three children, Maude L., now the wife of George Scheurer of Erie township, Dan A., who married Iva Wilson of La Salle township, and Bessie M., the wife of Frank Quackenbush of Toledo, Ohio. Besides their own offspring Mr. and Mrs. Laudenslager have raised and educated two other children.

Mr. and Mrs. Laudenslager are both of them prominent members of the La Salle Presbyterian church. He is one of the elders, and she has served as president of the Ladies' Aid Society to which she still belongs. They also hold membership in the La Salle Grange. Mr. Laudenslager is a Republican in politics and has always had an active interest in the affairs of the party although he has never sought office. His farm in section 29 of La Salle township consists of 112 acres.

JACOB J. STRIMBELL of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, is a man whose honesty and integrity are so well known that the people have repeatedly shown their confidence in him, twice by electing him treasurer of the township, and four times by electing him supervisor, a position which he is still holding. A descendant of the old German stock, the virtues of the old country and the progressiveness and alertness of the new have mingled in him to form a typical American. Besides his duties as a supervisor he is secretary of the Frenchtown township Grange, and also with his sympathies with the Democratic party, takes an interest in local politics. He owns seventy-five acres on claim 98 in Frenchtown township.

Mr. Strimbell was born January 22, 1873, in the northwest corner of Steiner village, Frenchtown township, the son of Joseph and Eve (Snellinger) Strimbell. Mr. Strimbell, Sr., was a native of Prussia but came to this country when he was only three years old. He first lived in Huron county, Ohio, but after his marriage, which took place when he was thirty-one years old, he moved to Michigan and settled in Frenchtown township, remaining there until his death, July 5, 1907. His wife, who was a native of Ohio, is still living on the old homestead. They were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are still living, Jacob J.; Michael J., who with his wife, who was Carrie Beatty, lives in Windsor, Canada; Catherine, the wife of August Discher, of Ash township; Frank J., now a resident, with his wife, who was Hattie Jondro, of Monroe, Michigan; Lucy, a teacher in the district schools of Frenchtown township; Charles, who is unmarried and is still farming on the old homestead.

Jacob J. Strimbell remained on his father's farm until he was thirty-one, attending the district school first, and at the age of sixteen entering the Monroe high school where he remained almost long enough to complete the course. After he finished his education he helped his father on the farm. His marriage to Anna Meyer, the daughter of Leopold and Margaret (Neno) Meyer, took place January 26, 1904. Mr. Meyer was a native of Baden, Germany, and his wife of Buffalo, New York. They are both still living in Ash township. Anna Meyer was born in Ash township December 21, 1874, and was educated by the Roman Catholic church. They have had no children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Strimbell are members of the St. Michael's Catholic church of Monroe, and Mrs. Strimbell is also a member of the Frenchtown Grange of which her husband is secretary.

JOE C. STERLING. The able and popular manager of the Monroe Water Company has been identified with public-utility service in his native city for more than thirty years and none has a more secure place in popular confidence and esteem. In addition to the office noted he has been secretary of the Monroe Gas Company for more than a quarter of a century, and further interest attaches to his career by reason of the fact that he is a representative of one of the best known and most highly honored pioneer families of this county, as will be seen by reference to the memoir dedicated to his father, the late Joseph M. Sterling, on other pages of this work.

Joe Cole Sterling was born in the city of Monroe of the 27th of August, 1851, and after completing the curriculum of the public schools, including that of the high school, he took a course in the celebrated old Mayhew Business College, in the city of Detroit. Soon afterward he became secretary of the Monroe Gas Company, of which his honored father was president and one of the organizers, and with this company he has been continuously identified in an administrative capacity during the long intervening period of more than thirty years. In 1889 the Monroe Water Company was organized and at the time of its incorporation Mr. Sterling was made its general manager. This position he has since retained, and he has done much to further the success of the enterprise, which represents one of the most important of the public utilities of his native city. The plant and service of the company are of the best modern order and operations are based on a capital stock of \$150,000. In 1903 Mr. Sterling became one of the organizers of the Monroe Butter and Cheese Company, which now represents one of the important and prosperous industrial enterprises of Monroe county, with plants in Monroe, La Salle and Stony Creek. Like his honored father, Mr. Sterling has been influential in the affairs of the Michigan Agricultural Society, of which he was secretary and manager for eleven years, during which the organization maintained high standing and exercised much influence in the promotion and exploitation of the agricultural and live-stock industries in Michigan. In politics Mr. Sterling is unswerving in his allegiance to the cause of the Democratic party, but he has never manifested any desire for the honors or emoluments of political office. He is well known in southern Michigan and in the county which has ever been his home it may consistently be said that his circle of friends is coextensive with that of his acquaintances. He still remains on the roster of eligible bachelors.

JESSE H. ROOT. The present efficient and popular prosecuting attorney of Monroe county is a scion of the Root family in this county, where his paternal grandparents, Elisha B. and Eliza (Stuart) Root, established their home in the early pioneer days. They came to Michigan from their native state of Vermont and continued to reside in Monroe county until their death, the grandfather having here devoted the major part of his active career to the lumber business and conducting a sash and door factory and sawmill. That the subject of this review has secure place in the confidence and esteem of the people of his native county is assured by his incumbency of his present important office, and further it should be noted that he is one of the representative younger members of the bar of the county.

Jesse Hart Root was born in the city of Monroe, on the 30th of October, 1881, and is a son of Jason P. and Phoebe L. (Hart) Root. The father was born in Monroe and the mother in the state of Iowa. Jason P. Root has been for forty years engaged in the lumber business in Monroe. He is one of the representative business men of his native county and is a citizen whose influence has been potent in connection with the civic and material development and progress of the city that has ever been his home. The present prosecuting attorney of Monroe



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county is indebted to the public schools of his native city for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school. In preparation for the work of his chosen profession he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, in which staunch old institution he completed the prescribed curriculum and was graduated as a member of the class of 1902, the degree of Bachelor of Laws having been conferred upon him on the 22d of June of that year. He was forthwith admitted to the bar of his native state, but prior to engaging in active practice he served as committee clerk in the state legislature, at Lansing, during the sessions of 1903, an incumbency which he also retained during the session of 1905.

In July, 1905, Mr. Root opened an office in Monroe and set himself vigorously to the work of proving that in his professional endeavors there should be no application of the aphorism that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." Earnest in application, ambitious and determined, he brought his powers to bear in an effective way and soon demonstrated that he had made a wise choice of vocation. He has gained prestige as a resourceful and versatile trial lawyer and well fortified counselor, and he has materially heightened his professional reputation through his forceful and effective services in the office of prosecuting attorney, to which he was first elected in the autumn of 1908. The estimate placed upon his labors in this capacity was shown in his being chosen as his own successor in the election of 1910, and his present term will expire on the 1st of January, 1913. In the autumn of 1904 Mr. Root was elected circuit court commissioner of Monroe county, and he served in this capacity for two years, after which, in September, 1906, he was appointed city attorney of Monroe, an office of which he continued in tenure for one year. He was a candidate for prosecuting attorney in 1906, but on that occasion met with defeat with the remainder of the Republican ticket in the county. He has been a zealous worker in behalf of the principles and policies of the Republican party and is now a prominent and influential factor in its local councils.

Mr. Root and his wife are most popular figures in the best social activities in their home city, and here he is affiliated with Monroe Lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons, besides which he holds membership in the Monroe Club, the Wolverine Club, and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Club, representative organizations of the city.

On the 14th of September, 1909, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Root to Miss Minnie Finzel, who was born and reared in Monroe, where her father, George F. Finzel, was a prominent hardware merchant, but is now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Root have a winsome little daughter,—Miriam I.

GEORGE C. KIRSCHNER. The dry-goods house of Geo. C. Kirschner has a patronage and standing in the shopping district of Monroe such as are associated only with mercantile enterprises that have been built upon the solid foundation of integrity and thoroughly reliable dealing. Mr. Kirschner has been known in this city through all the grades of his progress toward independence in business affairs.

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George C. Kirschner was born in the city of Detroit on the 6th day of May, 1870. His parents, George and Margaret (Lieb) Kirschner, who are now respected citizens of Monroe, were born in Germany and came to the United States in 1850, first locating in Detroit and afterwards moving to Monroe.

Most of his youth having been spent in Monroe, George Kirschner was educated first in the St. Michael's Catholic school and then in St. Francis college, his school days ending in his seventeenth year. His business career began as a clerk for Ed. G. Lauer, whose capable assistant he was for a period of nineteen years. In 1904 Mr. Kirschner and Mr. Egle purchased the stock of Vergho Brothers and started out in business, in which they continued until 1912, when Mr. Egle died. Mr. Kirschner is now the sole proprietor of the business and is known as one of the prosperous men among Monroe's merchants. His store, centrally located, is in a three story building, thirty-seven by sixty feet, and the regular stock comprises very complete lines of dry goods and ladies' wear. Industry and economy were the qualities through which Mr. Kirschner worked up from a modest beginning in business, and he is today one of the real business builders in the city.

As a citizen Mr. Kirschner has not been less earnest in promoting the welfare of his home city than in advancing his private business undertakings. He is a Democrat in his politics, and in 1910 when H. C. Orvis was elected mayor, Mr. Kirschner was appointed to the vacancy in the city council as alderman for the Second ward. He was re-elected to the office in 1912 for another term.

Mr. Kirschner was united in marriage in 1905 with Miss Agnes Mackin, the daughter of James Mackin, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she was born and reared. They are the parents of three children, George J., Agnes and Estelle.

Mr. Kirschner and his family are members of St. John's Catholic church, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John. He is also a member of the M. & M. Club and the Monroe Yacht Club.

JULES J. SIFFER, M. D. One of the leading physicians and surgeons of Monroe, Doctor Siffer, is a native of Belgium, but received his classical and professional training in America. Previous to locating in Monroe, about six years, the Doctor enjoyed a broad experience in several departments of practical science, and is one of the best equipped members of the local profession.

Jules J. Siffer was born in Belgium, March 24, 1878. His parents were Charles E. and E. (Vanderheyden) Siffer. During his youth in his native land he acquired a good knowledge of all branches taught in the common schools. He then came to America, his first port being New York, his first home in Monroe, Michigan. He entered Assumption College and completed the classical course from 1891 to 1896. In 1897 he entered the Detroit College of Medicine, and after graduating in 1901 spent one year in St. Mary's Hospital of Detroit. Parke, Davis & Company, the manufacturing chemists, then employed him three years as bacteriologist in their department of experimental medicine, an experi-

ence of exceptional advantage to the young medical graduate. He also spent some time in the Public Health and Marine Hospital service, with headquarters at Port Huron. Doctor Siffer then located, in 1906, at Monroe, where he has since conducted a general practice with very great success. He is a member of the Monroe County Medical Society, the Michigan State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and also of St. Mary's parish church. He is affiliated with the M. & M. Club of Monroe. Doctor Siffer is a cultured gentleman, and a man of high standing both in social and professional circles.

ARTHUR L. TIFFANY, D. V. S. As veterinary surgeon and proprietor of the animal hospital at 53-65 Monroe street, Mr. Tiffany has made a very successful record during his residence in the city of Monroe, where he located in 1905 after graduation from professional school. He is a prominent citizen, and is a member of the present city council.

Arthur L. Tiffany was born at Scranton, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1878, his family having long resided in that state. His parents, Orvill and Letitia (Baxter) Tiffany, both natives of Pennsylvania, were reared and married there and still live in the old home, the father being a substantial farmer.

Susquehanna county was the scene of Doctor Tiffany's boyhood, and he attended the country district schools. As his life up to the time of his majority was spent on a farm, it was there he acquired a practical knowledge of domestic animals and an inclination for the profession in which he has been so successful. In 1903 he entered the veterinary college of Ontario, and was graduated in 1905. In the same year he located at Monroe and opened the office and hospital. His skill in veterinary work, partly derived from experience beginning when he was a boy, had brought him a large practice not only in this immediate locality but over a large territory. For his summer work and in response to hurry calls he uses a first-class automobile, and also has horses and rigs for driving throughout the country.

Doctor Tiffany's fine home is on North Macomb street, where his family consists of his wife and one son. He was married in 1903 to Miss Ruby Main, who was also born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Isaac and Lucy Main. The one son born to them is named Boyd M.

In politics a Republican, Doctor Tiffany is an active citizen, and at the present time represents the Fourth ward in the city council. His Masonic affiliation is with Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., River Raisin Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., and Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar. He is also affiliated with the I. O. O. F., Monroe Lodge No. 19.

FRED J. SILL. In the group of men whose names and careers are associated with the First National Bank of Monroe, and whose influence and enterprise have for years been strong factors in the business affairs of this city, one of the directors and the present assistant cashier of the bank is Mr. Fred J. Sill.

Mr. Sill is a native son of Monroe, a member of one of the old families here, and has spent practically all his business career in banking.

He was born in this city November 5, 1875, the only son of Frank S. and Alice (Johnson) Sill. His mother was born in Watertown, New York, and died in Monroe in 1881. The late Frank S. Sill, whose death occurred in 1899, was born in Watertown, New York, in 1841, and was a boot and shoe merchant in Monroe from 1865 until his death. He had been a resident of this city since 1864, and was held in high esteem both as a citizen and business man. His parents were Elisha S. and Delight (Coffin) Sill, the former a resident of Monroe at the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-seven years old, and the latter also passed away here in 1897.

Fred J. Sill after his education in the grade and high schools of his home city took a commercial course in the Detroit University, and then returned to Monroe and entered his father's store. At the age of nineteen, in 1884, he began his career as messenger in the First National Bank, was subsequently promoted to bookkeeper, then successively filled the positions of teller and general bookkeeper, and since 1910 has been assistant cashier of this well known banking house. Besides being one of the directors in this bank, he is also identified with other local enterprises, and is one of the energetic and liberal business men of Monroe.

Mr. Sill is an active Mason, having active affiliations with Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., River Raisin Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., the Monroe Commandery No. 19, K. T., and the Moslem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Detroit.

JOHN S. McMILLAN was born in Monroe, February 9, 1875, a son of Peter and Margaret (Lennox) McMillan, both natives of Scotland, who emigrated to America in the early 'seventies.

Mr. McMillan received a common school education. He engaged in the newspaper business from the time of leaving school until 1903, at which time he entered the printing and office stationery business.

He is at present the head of the McMillan Printing Company, 4 Monroe street, Monroe, the J. S. McMillan Printing Company, 97 Fort street West, Detroit, and the Beatty-McMillan Company, 53-54 Tecumseh building, Detroit.

The company of which Mr. McMillan is manager produce printing and conduct a store for the sale of office supplies, furniture and stationery. The plant is modern in every detail.

Mr. McMillan is prominent in printing trade association work, being the president of P-I-C-A, secretary of Michigan Printers' Cost Commission and Michigan Director of Ben Franklin Club of America. He is independent in politics.

WILLIAM G. GUTMANN. Monroe county has a full quota of substantial and ably conducted financial institutions that are adequately upholding its commercial and industrial prestige, and among these none takes precedence of the First National Bank of Monroe, of which Mr. Gutmann is the efficient and popular cashier,—an incumbency that of itself gives him secure place and distinctive influence as one of the representative business men of his native county.

Mr. Gutmann was born in the city of Monroe, on the 21st of August,

1862, and is a son of John C. and Catherine (Zeh) Gutmann, both of whom were born and reared in Germany. John C. Gutmann learned in his native land the trade of shoemaker, and in 1842 he immigrated to America. He came to Monroe county soon after his arrival in the United States and for many years he was identified with the work of his trade in the city of Monroe, where he eventually established himself in the general boot and shoe business. He was one of the sterling business men and highly honored citizens of the county and here both he and his devoted wife continued to reside until they were summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors, secure in the high regard of all who knew them. Both were devout communicants of the Trinity Lutheran church and in politics the father espoused and ever remained loyal to the cause of the Republican party. Of the children, two sons and three daughters are now living.

The parochial and public schools of Monroe afforded William G. Gutmann his early educational advantages. For a time thereafter he was a clerk in the local mercantile establishment of General George Spalding, and in 1878, when sixteen years of age, he secured the position of messenger in the First National Bank. Faithful and effective service finally won him promotion in turn to the positions of book-keeper and teller in this institution, and thereafter he served as assistant cashier until January, 1911, when he was advanced to his present responsible office, that of cashier. He has thus been connected with the First National Bank for thirty-four consecutive years, and his character and services have gained to him the confidence and esteem not only of the stockholders and executive officers of the bank but also of the entire local community. His career shows that it is not necessary for a young man to indulge the wanderlust or to seek far fields of endeavor, for in his home county he has found ample opportunity for advancement and the gaining of secure success and prestige along a line of enterprise in which he has applied himself earnestly and which has enabled him to become a staunch factor in the business community.

Further evidence of the confidence reposed in Mr. Gutmann in his home city was shown by his election to the office of city treasurer, of which he continued the incumbent for two terms. He is a stockholder of the Monroe Canning & Packing Company and also of the Record Publishing Company, and in 1910 he platted an addition to the city of Monroe, subdividing the same into city lots and erecting on the same many attractive residences. This is known as the Grassley-Gutmann addition and is now one of the attractive and well improved residence sections of the city. Mr. Gutmann served twelve years as a member of the Michigan National Guard and is at the present time manager of the Monroe Armory Association. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and both he and his wife hold membership in Trinity Lutheran church. He takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of his home city and county and gives his influence and support in the furtherance of enterprises and measures projected for the general good of the community.

On the 24th of May, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gut-

mann to Miss Julia M. Graessley, and they have one daughter, Renetta M.

CLAYTON C. GOLDEN. One of the successful younger members of the Monroe county bar, Clayton C. Golden is a son of Judge Charles A. and Frances L. (Soleau) Golden. The career of his father, the present circuit judge, is sketched in detail on other pages of this work.

Clayton C. Golden was born in the city of Monroe, November 25, 1882. His early education was in the public schools, and after graduation from the high school in 1902 he entered the University of Notre Dame at South Bend, where he was graduated in the law department with the class of 1906. In the following year, after his admission to the Monroe county bar, he opened his office and has since gained a large and distinctive clientage in the legal business of this county.

Mr. Golden was married in 1911 to Miss Lillian Sorter, the daughter of Justus Sorter and his wife, Hannah (Simmons) Sorter, a prominent family of Monroe. Mr. Golden is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

AUGUSTINE C. McCORMICK. That the scriptural aphorism that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country finds no application in the case of Mr. McCormick needs no further voucher than the statement that he has represented his native county of Monroe in the Michigan state senate and that he is recognized as one of the progressive business men and loyal citizens of the county which has been his home from the time of his nativity to the present. He is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in the city of Monroe and his agency is one of the most substantial and important of the kind in the county.

Mr. McCormick was born on the old family homestead farm in Ash township, this county, on the 3rd of March, 1862, and is a son of Edward and Mary (Corrigan) McCormick, both of whom were born in Ireland, where the former was reared to adult age and whence the latter came with her parents to America when she was a child of eight years. Edward McCormick, who was born and reared in County Monaghan, Ireland, came to the United States as a youth of twenty years, and within the course of a few years he came to Monroe county, Michigan and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Ash township. Energetic, ambitious and imbued with marked business sagacity, he was prospered in his endeavors as a representative of the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing, and he eventually accumulated a valuable landed estate of four hundred acres, which he brought to a high state of productiveness and upon which he made the best of permanent improvements. He lived a life of integrity and honor and ever commanded the unequivocal confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He was broad-minded and liberal as a citizen, was a staunch adherent of the Democratic party and was called to serve in various public offices of local trust, including those of deputy sheriff, collector of taxes, justice of the peace and township supervisor, of which last mentioned he was the incumbent for three terms. Both he and his wife were zealous and devout communicants of the Catholic church, in the faith of which

they carefully reared their children. Edward McCormick died on his home farm in 1885, at the venerable age of eighty years, and his devoted wife survived until 1900, when she was summoned to the life eternal, at the age of eighty-five years. The names of both are held in affectionate regard in the community that so long represented their home and in which they lived "godly, righteous and sober lives."

Augustine C. McCormick was reared to the sturdy discipline of the farm and is indebted to the public schools of his native county for his early educational discipline. As a youth he began teaching in the district schools, and he followed the pedagogic profession during the winter months, the while he continued to be identified with the work of the home farm during the summer seasons. In 1880 he entered the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, where he continued his studies for one year. He devoted seven winters to teaching and the intervening summers to farm work, and he continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits until the year 1909, when he removed from his farm, in Ash township, to the city of Monroe, where he has since been successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. He has been intermediary in the handling of valuable farm and city properties and in this line has established high reputation and been specially successful. In the insurance department of his business he represents leading fire and life-insurance companies and has underwritten many policies in both lines, his hold upon popular confidence and esteem in his native county being of the most stable order.

With well defined opinions concerning matters of public polity, Mr. McCormick accords unfaltering allegiance to the Democratic party and he has given effective service in behalf of its cause. In 1890 he was elected to represent the Fourth senatorial district of the state in the upper house of the Michigan legislature, said district comprising the counties of Monroe and Washtenaw. He was assigned to a number of the important senate committees, including the railroad committee and those having to do with the state industrial school for girls, the Pontiac state asylum for the insane, the state mining school, and other public institutions. He was an active and valued worker both on the floor and in the committee rooms of the senate during the sessions of 1890 and 1891, and was ever alert in fostering the best interests of the district which he represented. After his retirement from the senate he continued to be engaged in farming and stock-growing in his native township until his removal to Monroe, as already noted. He is the owner of valuable farm property, including a portion of the old homestead farm on which he was born, and also owns real estate in the city of Monroe. He and his family are zealous communicants of the Catholic church and hold membership in the parish of St. John's church, in Monroe. He is also affiliated with the local organization of the Knights of Columbus.

In October, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McCormick to Miss Bridget Coughlin, who was born and reared in Wayne county, this state, and who is a daughter of the late John Coughlin, an old resident and highly esteemed citizen of that county. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have two sons and one daughter: Augustine E. is station

agent for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad at Monroe, and in February, 1912, he wedded Miss Leona Mae Pousha, youngest daughter of Joseph Pousha, an old and honored citizen of Monroe; John E. is employed by the Detroit United Railway, as conductor on the interurban electric line between Detroit and Toledo; and Mae G., who remains at the parental home, is a popular factor in the social activities of the younger generation in Monroe.

EUGENE WARNER. The life of Eugene Warner thus far has been devoted to farming pursuits, and he has proved himself one of the most capable and successful men in his line of industry to be found in Monroe township. He is a native of the county, born on the old farm of his father on February 19, 1853, and is the fourth child in the family of six sons and daughters born to Samuel and Lydia (Nichols) Warner. But two of that number are living today,—the subject and a sister, Mary J., widow of Thomas Caldwell, and a resident of Sullivan county, New York.

Samuel Warner was born in Onondaga county, New York, on October 21, 1814, and he died on June 10, 1890. He was of English ancestry. The common schools of his native community in New York afforded him such education as he was permitted to secure in his youth, and, like his father, he gave his attention to farming when he reached man's estate. It was in the year 1836 or 1837 when he first came to Michigan, locating in Monroe county, and settling at Monroe, then the county seat as now, and a small and undeveloped village, while no railroad had as yet penetrated the county. In this district Samuel Warner secured land, a tract of sixty acres being secured in Milan township. It was unimproved, and in a wild and forbidding state, but nothing daunted, he gave himself diligently to the work of reclaiming the land and making a home for himself and his family in the township. He soon saw what he regarded as an opportunity to better his condition, and accordingly sold his place, purchasing another piece of land, this time in Branch county, which in turn, he disposed of to advantage and in 1850 came to Dundee township. There he purchased some ninety acres of land about two and a half miles north of Dundee in section 1. There was a small log house on the place when he made the purchase, but this he soon replaced with a comfortable frame house, suited to the needs of his family, and here he made his home until death claimed him. He was a man of no little prominence in Dundee township, and was active in many ways that redounded to the advancement of the community. He was a charter member of the Dundee Masonic lodge, and was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He was buried under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. The mother was a native of Onondaga county, New York, like her husband, born there on February 1, 1817, and she died on the 29th day of January, 1863. She and her husband were long-time members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in further mention of Samuel Warner it may be said here that he was ever an active worker in that church, and was a leader in the movement which resulted in the building of the church in Monroe, and for years

was a minister of the gospel. Both these worthy people rest in Azalia cemetery in Monroe and fitting monuments mark their last home.

Eugene Warner was well versed in the knowledge of the farm and the many duties that farm life entails, and in the intervals which might be filched from the home duties, he attended the district schools, there securing the rudiments of an education. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, when he began life for himself, this departure being marked by his marriage to Miss Mary M. Libbey. In 1896 he moved to Chicago, where he was employed by the Pullman Car Company. In 1900, however, he returned to Dundee and this place has been his continued home since that time. He has a fine place of 173 acres, with fine buildings of every required order, and here he devotes himself to farming and stock-raising, in which he is enjoying a pleasing degree of success.

Mr. Warner married Miss Nellie E. Reeves, the marriage taking place on November 30, 1892. A son and daughter have been born to them,—Seward Alger and Bertha Marie. The son finished with the common schools and then entered the Dundee high school, which he is now attending as a member of the class of 1913, and the daughter is now attending St. Joseph's Academy at Adrian, Michigan, where she is attending as a member of the class of 1914. Both are bright and studious young people, and give promise of reflecting much credit upon their parents, who have spared nothing to advance them educationally. The mother of these children is a native of Monroe county, born on February 12, 1867, and is the youngest member in a family of eight children born to Emmett and Abigail B. (Hoag) Reeves. Five of that number are living today, as follows: Sarah, the wife of James A. Coon, a farmer, lives in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Sigel and Seward, twins, are residents of Yampa, Colorado, and St. Genevieve, Missouri, respectively. Hattie E. is the wife of Allen W. Bentley, a farming man of Azalia, Michigan; and Mrs. Warner. The latter was educated in the common schools and the Raisin Valley Seminary, also attending the Ypsilanti Normal, after which she taught in Ypsilanti. She is a woman of character and pleasing personality, and is highly esteemed by all who know her. Her father, Emmett Reeves, was a native of Orange county, New York, born there in 1825 and died in 1881. He was a farming man, and came to Monroe county in 1829, this community representing his home for the remainder of his life. He was a Civil war veteran, having served in the First Michigan Sharpshooters, in Company C. He was a Republican and with his wife, was a member of the Free Methodist church. He owned a forty-acre farm in Milan township, Monroe county, when he died. His wife, who was born in the Green Mountain state in 1829, died here in 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner are among the most prominent and popular residents of Dundee township, where they have long been known, and enjoy the esteem and confidence of all who come within the sphere of their acquaintance. Mr. Warner is a member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with the blue lodge of Dundee and the Royal Arch Masons of the same place. Mrs. Warner is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a Democrat and cast his first presidential vote

for Samuel J. Tilden, but he has never had any desire to gain publicity as an office holder, being well content to fulfill the demands of good citizenship in other ways, equally effectual.

WILLIAM G. HENRICH. Among the many intelligent and enterprising agriculturists of Monroe county, Michigan, may be found the name of William G. Henrich, who is a native of this county but comes of German parentage and has exhibited in his career as a farmer that thrift and marked ability so characteristic of the German agriculturist.

Born August 29, 1873, his boyhood was spent on the home farm in Frenchtown township, Monroe county, and his education was obtained in the parochial schools of the German Lutheran church, in the faith of which denomination he was confirmed. At the age of thirteen he began to assist in the work of the home farm and continued to do so until he had attained his majority, except for one year. In 1894 he accepted a position in Detroit in an establishment that manufactured varnish and remained with this firm five years. In the meantime he had married in that city and in 1899 he brought his wife and family to Monroe county, where they took up life on a rented farm. Later he bought his present farmstead of 96 acres in Monroe township and this has since remained his home. He follows general farming and his efforts in this direction have been well directed and well rewarded.

John Henrich, the father of William G., was born in Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany, on November 11, 1836, and in Monroe county, Michigan, was married to Catharine Roessler, also a native of the Fatherland, born in Wurttemberg in 1840. Both are still living and reside in Monroe, Michigan. They became the parents of seven children, all of whom are living and are as follows: Mary, now Mrs. William Waldorf; Catharine, the wife of Frederick Mathews; William G., the subject of this brief review; John A., who married Sophia Raible; August P., who married Sophia Hubbard; and Elizabeth and Louise, who are single and reside at the parental home at Monroe.

In Detroit, Michigan, on May 14, 1896, was solemnized the marriage of William G. Henrich and Miss Augusta C. Rast. Mrs. Henrich was born in Germany, June 21, 1871, and in 1881 came to the United States with her parents, who located in Rhode Island. Her education was begun in Germany and was concluded in Rhode Island. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Henrich and are as follows: William V., born February 14, 1897; George J., born January 16, 1899; Edwin F., born November 27, 1900; Harold, born January 2, 1902; and Carl, born January 25, 1910. -

Both Mr. and Mrs. Henrich are members of the German Lutheran church and of the Lutheran Bund of Michigan. Mr. Henrich has served as a school director of his district, and in political affairs gives his allegiance to the Republican party. Both he and his wife are known as upright and worthy people and well deserve their place on the roster of Monroe county's best citizens.

MRS. EMMA R. LOOSE. A woman of intelligence and refinement and one whose energies have been devoted to her home and children,

that sphere in which woman has ever found her most unfading laurels, Mrs. Emma R. Loose, widow of the late David M. Loose, deserves mention among those who represent the best citizenship of Monroe county, Michigan. She has reared and educated her sons and daughters, has instilled into their minds the virtue of useful and worthy living, and thus has fulfilled the noblest mission of womanhood.

The nativity of Mrs. Loose occurred in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1847. Her father was Jacob J. Seibert and her grandfather was Jacob Seibert, both natives of Pennsylvania. In that state Jacob J. Seibert married Mary A. Walborn, later removing with his family to Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio, where he and his wife resided until their deaths. They became the parents of six children, four of whom are living at this date (1912) and are as follows: Monroe W. Seibert, a resident of Fremont, Ohio; Mrs. Emma R. Loose; Henry Seibert, who resides in Pittsburg, Kansas; and William A. Seibert, who resides near Fremont, Ohio, and owns a part of the old homestead.

Emma R. Seibert spent her girlhood on the old farm near Fremont, Ohio, and received her education in the district schools of that locality, attending until about eighteen years of age. On May 14, 1867, at the age of twenty, she was married to David M. Loose. Mr. Loose was born in Pennsylvania on the 3rd of February, 1843, and in 1844 accompanied his parents to Monroe county, Michigan, where at the proper age he entered the public schools and later attended the Monroe high school. He completed his education at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and for some time thereafter followed the profession of teaching in Monroe county, Michigan, and in Sandusky county, Ohio. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Loose located on a rented farm but in 1869 bought a farm in Sandusky county and resided on it until their removal to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1873. Here Mr. Loose bought the homestead of 135 acres in Monroe township on which his widow still resides. From the beginning he had prospered at farming and at his death on October 11, 1902, he left a comfortable estate. He was a member of the Evangelical church, as is also Mrs. Loose, and in politics was a Democrat. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Loose: Elroy M., born February 21, 1869, who received a high school education at Monroe, married Miss Minnie L. Albig and has two children; Irving J., who was born March 29, 1872, is a graduate of Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, and also took a course of theological study at Oakland, California; Iona M., born February 4, 1875, who completed a commercial course at Monroe, Michigan, is now a teacher in Monroe township, this county; Etta E. resides with her mother; Idella M., born May 1, 1879, who is now Mrs. F. E. Cooper, attended the Monroe high school and was engaged in the profession of teaching prior to her marriage; Hattie L., born February 21, 1881, is now the wife of Orville M. Albig, who is professor of Greek in Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois; Clarence D., born February 15, 1884, who is a graduate of Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois, is now principal of the high school at Washington, Iowa; and Alvin F., born October 13, 1886, manages the home farm for his mother. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loose were thorough believers in the efficacy of an education and provided their

children with good advantages in this direction. Their influence and encouragement and faithfulness as parents have been well rewarded, for each of their children has assumed some useful and honorable position in society.

Mrs. Loose is of pleasing personality, is a kind and gracious neighbor, a gentle but firm and tactful mother, and well merits the high respect and esteem she commands in the county of which she has so long been a resident.

F. WILLIAM SCHAFER, the manager and secretary of the Ida Telephone Company, is a native resident of Monroe county, born in the township of Raisinville on November 11, 1856. He is a son of George and Catherine (Starck) Schafer, both native Germans. The father came to America in 1849, after having served in the army of his native country during the German revolution of 1848, and located at Milan, Ohio. In 1850 the gold excitement attracted his attention and he started with a party for the west via New York and Panama. Landing at Colon at the mouth of the Chagres river, the party had natives row them and their baggage up the river to a point opposite Panama and from there they traveled on foot and "packed" their baggage on buffalos to Panama, traversing the route of the present Panama canal, and thence by boat to San Francisco and Sacramento. After spending about four years in the mining district in Amador county, California, George Schafer returned to Milan, Ohio, in the spring of 1854 and here he was married to Catherine Starck September 27th, 1855. In November of that year he came to Ida, Michigan, and located on the farm one-half mile west of town in Raisinville township, where he remained to the time of his death, February 4, 1906. During the Civil war he entered the Union army in 1864, serving in Company I, Ninth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged in June, 1865. Ten children were born to George and Catherine Schafer of which number seven are living at this writing (1912). They are F. William, George W., who lives on the homestead; Emma E., the wife of John C. Schurer, Dearborn, Michigan; John, a miner, of Millett, Nevada; Kate N., Chicago; Henry and Carl W., of Chicago, both prominent in Independent Telephone circles.

As a boy at home, F. William Schafer attended the district schools which his native village afforded, after which he attended Evans Business College first, normal school afterward. He entered the Evans Business College at Adrian, Michigan, where he pursued a complete and thorough course in business instruction. He then attended the Michigan State Normal School one year and fitted himself for a teaching position and became engaged in that capacity in the public schools of Monroe county, following that work for about fifteen years. He then withdrew from his pedagogical activities and engaged in farming, taking charge of his father's farm, to which industry he devoted about twelve years. In 1906 Mr. Schafer assisted in the organization of the Ida Telephone Company, becoming its manager at the time, and has since continued in that position. The company organized as a mutual company in 1904, but in 1906 was reorganized and incorporated under the laws of the state, which



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marked the date of Mr. Schafer's active connection with the business. Under the stimulus of his capable management the company is operated on a paying basis, and is one of the stable organizations of the county. Mr. Weilnau, the present president, spent two months in organizing the first farm line and did all he could to make this organization a success and the success of this company is due to the energy of its present board of directors, viz.: David Weilnau, president; Dr. H. E. Kelley, vice-president; F. Wm. Schafer, secretary and manager; John S. Knapp, treasurer; and Messrs. H. J. Fredenburg, Charles Jelsch and Fred Rehberg. The authorized capital stock is \$15,000 and they have about five hundred telephones in operation, with exchanges in at Ida and Maybee, Michigan. Mr. Schafer is also a member of the board of directors of the Excelsior Creamery Company of Ida, Michigan, and is its secretary. He always took an active interest in educational matters, having served as president of the school board at Ida over ten years during which time the present graded school district was organized by a special act of the Michigan legislature. He was chairman of the building committee when the present high school building was erected.

The fraternal affiliations of Mr. Schafer are represented by his membership in Samaria Lodge, No. 438, A. F. & A. M., Ruth Chapter, No. 89 of Eastern Star, Sitzert Tent, No. 841, K. O. T. M., and Raisinville Grange, No. 410. He was a charter member of Sitzert Tent, K. O. T. M., and its first commander. Mr. Schafer is a true Republican politically and has always acted on those principles, and he cast his first presidential vote for R. B. Hayes. He has always been an active participant in party affairs and at present he holds the office of justice of the peace. He is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church and has been one of the elders and clerk of the session of the local church since its organization in 1898. In 1910 he was elected as one of the commissioners from Monroe Presbytery to the One Hundred and Twenty-Second general assembly of the Presbyterian church of U. S. A., which met in Atlantic City, N. J. He has always been closely identified with the Sunday school and has taken an important part in its work, having served as superintendent and teacher in his school. He is also secretary of the Monroe County Sunday School Association, a post which he has held and filled most creditably for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Schafer is unmarried. He is a pleasant, genial man of German temperament and character and is one of the most highly esteemed men in the community wherein he has passed his life and in which he has ever been an influence for its industrial, educational and moral uplift and advancement.

MICHAEL GOTTFRIED. One of the oldest pioneers of Monroe county, Michigan, and one of the most highly respected and honored as well is Michael Gottfried, who is now past four score and four years of age and has spent all but nineteen of those years in Monroe county. He is a German by birth and heritage of character, but his nationality is one which has long been regarded as one of the most valuable that has entered into the life of our nation. The German-American never assumes half-hearted ties of citizenship. Shoulder to shoulder with

the Anglo-American he has always been found in the advance guard of civilization in our country and as an agriculturist he seldom yields precedence to any other nationality. The life story of Michael Gottfried furnishes another illustration of what a young man may accomplish in America if he has a good stock of energy, pluck, perseverance and ability.

Born in Germany, February 25, 1828, he accompanied his parents, Casper and Margaret (Rapus) Gottfried to America in 1847. The family came directly to what was then the village of Monroe, Michigan, where the father was employed in various ways until 1863 when he removed to a farm in Monroe township. Later he returned to Monroe and resided there until his death in 1887. The mother passed away in 1881. Both were natives of the Fatherland, the father's birth having occurred there in 1803 and the mother's in 1806. Five children were born to this union, the eldest of whom and the only one now living (1912) being Michael Gottfried, the subject of this review. In order of birth the children were: Michael; Sabina, who became the wife of Michael Grombaugh; John G.; Mary, who married Frederick Hock; and Frederick.

Michael Gottfried was nineteen years of age when he came to this country and had acquired a good education in the thorough schools of his native land. Here he at once secured employment by the month from a Mr. Goldon, for whom he continued to work two years. In 1849 he took employment on the Michigan Southern Railroad and by the close of the second month his steady and intelligent industry had won him the position of foreman of a section. Sixteen years were spent in this manner and during this time, by the economy and prudence characteristic of his people, he saved of his earnings and acquired the capital with which to make his start in farming. In 1865 he bought and took up his residence on a tract of 75 acres which he still owns and which forms a part of his present holdings of 225 acres, 128 acres of which lie in Monroe township and 97 acres in Raisinville township. Luck did not enter into this accomplishment; instead, it represents years of earnest and intrepid toil, persistent determination and the use of a good business discernment. Mr. Gottfried has been truly successful and his course in life is well worthy of emulation by the ambitious youth, for above all it has been character that has achieved these results.

On December 17, 1854, he wedded Mary Spath, who was born in Germany, March 13, 1834, and who emigrated to America the same year in which her husband came. Four children were the issue of this union: Frederick, born October 1, 1855; Sarah, born July 2, 1857, who is single and resides with her father; William E., born May 8, 1864; and Martin, born November 11, 1866. The mother of these children died in August, 1871. The second marriage of Mr. Gottfried united him to Rosena Demmert, also a native of Germany, who was born May 22, 1844. To this union one son, George, was born on January 30, 1873.

In political views Mr. Gottfried is a Democrat, but he has never taken much part in political affairs. Both he and his wife are worthy

members of the Lutheran church. This, in brief, is the life history of one of Monroe county's most highly esteemed pioneers, one who in business affairs has always been upright, reliable and honorable and who under all circumstances has been loyal to truth and right, justly regarding his self respect and the deserved esteem of his fellow men as the better part of his success.

IRWIN W. KNAPP, a well known and respected citizen of Monroe township, Monroe county, Michigan, and a native son of this county, was one of the young men who, in 1898, when the call for volunteers for the Spanish-American war was made, promptly gave evidence that there had been no decadence in the patriotism of our countrymen. He had but shortly before attained his majority. Enlisting in Company M, Thirty-first Regiment of Michigan Volunteers, to which he was mustered in on May 9, 1898, as a private, he went into camp at Chickamauga park, Georgia, with his regiment, which proceeded from there to Knoxville, Tennessee, and from that place to Savannah, Georgia. At the last named place the soldiers were placed on board transports for Cuba. After three months of service on the island they were returned to Savannah, Georgia, where the members of the regiment were mustered out May 17, 1899.

Mr. Knapp was born in Raisinville township, Monroe county, Michigan, on November 28, 1876, the only child of Adam and Mary (Farwell) Knapp, the former of whom also was a native of the same county and township as his son and was born about 1850. The mother died in March, 1877, when Irwin W. was but an infant and eleven years later, or on October 5, 1888, the father joined her in death. Ludwig Knapp, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany. Adam Knapp had married again after the death of his first wife and after he passed away Irwin W. was reared by his stepmother. Until seventeen years of age he attended the district schools near his boyhood home and continued to assist in the duties of the farm until he had attained the legal age of manhood. It was a few months later that he entered the United States military service. On his return from the war he took up carpentering in Monroe, Michigan, which occupied him for two years.

On June 6, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Knapp and Miss Margaret McCrone. Mrs. Knapp was born January 10, 1877, to James and Barbara (Monroe) McCrone, the former of whom was a native of Scotland and the latter of Ontario, Canada. Both are deceased. She was reared in Canada, where she received a common school education, and came to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have six children, namely: Irene, born December 18, 1902; Verna, born February 24, 1903; Colon, whose birth occurred October 18, 1904; Vera, born January 23, 1908; Marjorie, born March 11, 1909; and Tracy, born April 4, 1910.

Fraternally Mr. Knapp affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a past grand of his local lodge of the latter order. Both he and his wife are members of Meleta Rebekah Lodge No. 55 at Monroe. Mr. Knapp gives his

political allegiance to the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are highly respected people in their community and have won their standing through honorable and useful living.

JACOB J. LAMBRIX, who is now serving his fourth year as superintendent of the county farm and infirmary of Monroe county, Michigan, has been a resident of this county for a number of years and prior to taking up his present duties was a well known farmer in Exeter township, where he has a homestead of eighty acres.

He was born in Grand Island, New York, June 24, 1865, a son of Lawrence and Anna (Lucke) Lambrix, both of whom were born in Germany. Each of the parents had come to the United States in childhood, had grown to maturity in New York state and there were married. In 1867 they removed to Wayne county, Michigan, where the father died in 1878 and where the mother still resides. Of the twelve children born to this union nine are living at this date (1912) and two of the sons, Jacob J. and Albert, are residents of Monroe county.

Until fourteen years of age Jacob J. Lambrix remained on the parental farm in Wayne county and attended the district schools of his locality; then he started out in life for himself, working as a farm hand, then as an employe in a brick yard and later in the pineries of this state. It was thus by his own industry, frugal habits and persistent endeavor that he secured his start, enabling him finally to become the owner of his comfortable farmstead in Exeter township of Monroe county. While conducting his private interests his attention was given to general farming and to stock-raising. In 1909 he took up his present duties at the Monroe county farm and has so carefully and acceptably discharged them that he has been continued there to the present time and is now serving his fourth year as superintendent of the institution.

Mr. Lambrix on June 7, 1910, married Carrie Sieb, who is a native of Monroe county, Michigan, but whose parents were both born in Germany. She is their only daughter. She is a member of the Lutheran church at Monroe, Michigan, and was reared and confirmed in that faith and received a good education both in English and German in the Lutheran parochial schools. Mr. and Mrs. Lambrix have one son, Jacob Frederick, born May 23, 1912. Mr. Lambrix is a communicant of the Catholic church at Stony Creek, Michigan, and is a Democrat in his political adherence.

GEORGE A. LUFT. For each one success means a different thing, but to every man who has gained by his own efforts the heights his ambition pictured for him great honor is due. Such a man is George A. Luft of Monroe township, Monroe county, Michigan. Unaided except by his own personal intelligence and worth Mr. Luft has steadily increased his holdings until he is now the owner of 86 acres of land and has won a big niche for himself in the respect of his neighbors as evidenced by his appointment to the clerkship of Monroe township. Of excellent German stock, upright and sincere, he is a man to whose truthfulness and integrity anyone who once saw him would swear.

Mr. Luft was born in Monroe township November 20, 1870, the son of Jacob Luft and Magdalene (Swelman) Luft, one a native of Germany and the other of Wood county, Ohio. Mr. Luft's death occurred on July 6, 1908, and his wife's some time previously, in 1882. Of their five children, four are still living: George A.; William J., who was married to Rosa Stern of Monroe; Walter R., who was married to Charlotte Blome, and Anna P., the wife of Fred. B. Lanken of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. George Luft remained on the farm in Monroe township until he was twenty-one, attending the district schools until he was sixteen, and for the next five years helping his father. On February 21, 1895, his marriage with Miss Mary Kurtz took place, and they became the parents of four children: Herman J., born January 27, 1896; Arthur W., born February 7, 1898; Magdalene, born June 21, 1900; and Edwin G., born October 18, 1908. Mrs. Luft, who was born in Germany November 12, 1872, was the daughter of Frederdick Kurtz and Rusa (Ludwig) Kurtz, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Luft was raised on a farm and attended school until she was thirteen, when she was confirmed. After that her parents' financial condition forced her to earn her own living. She went into domestic service until 1891, when she had earned money enough to bring her to America. She left her parents in Germany, where they are still living, and after landing in this country, came on to Ida township where she had some relatives. Like her husband she has implanted deep within her the principles of honesty and right living, and could never be otherwise than a kindly and sympathetic woman. Both she and Mr. Luft are members of the German Lutheran church at Monroe. Politically Mr. Luft is a Republican and was at one time a justice of the peace.

MRS. ELIZABETH A. FOSTER of Monroe township, Monroe county, Michigan, besides being an interesting woman herself, has raised a family of attractive and talented children. Her husband, James W. Foster, was a man of wide interests, and since his death, January 13, 1911, she has lived on the old homestead of 23 acres on the banks of Plumb creek with her daughter, Grace, and has ably managed his affairs.

Mrs. Foster was born in Colechester, Canada, February 11, 1848, the daughter of William H. Butler and Ann (Calvert) Butler. Ann Calvert was a native of Sunderland, England, born in 1812. Her mother died when she was still a small child, and a Mr. Eleby assumed the position of guardian over her. She received a good education in England, and when she was seventeen was brought to Canada by Mr. Eleby. In 1832 her marriage to William H. Butler took place. They bought a farm near Amherstburg, keeping it as a permanent residence for the rest of their lives. He died August 3, 1872, at the age of eighty-four years, three months, and five days, and she in 1887. Of their ten children two only are now living: James A. Butler of Adrian, Michigan; and Elizabeth A.

James W. Foster, the deceased husband of Mrs. Foster, was a deacon of the Baptist church, to which his family still belong, and was one of its most liberal supporters. The Republican party claimed him as one

of its members. He owned a great deal of real estate, and was also interested in many other things. He and Mrs. Foster were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living. Myrtle F., born in 1871, is a graduate of the Monroe schools. Her husband, Dr. Louis Todd, was killed on a railroad, December 23, 1911. Before her marriage she was a teacher and made one of the most brilliant records in her district. She is at present a resident of Oklahoma, where she is building a hospital. Ella O. was born May 16, 1873, and after graduating from the Monroe high school, became the wife of Marion Arthur. May H., whose birth occurred December 29, 1876, is the wife of John Fields. Grace A., the daughter who is living at home with her mother, was born April 30, 1879, and is a graduate of the Monroe high school. She is unmarried. The whole family has a strong interest in music and all the girls have a talent for one kind or another. The homestead where Mrs. Foster and Grace live and which is the gathering place for the family, is on the Hull road, the highway along which General Hull led his army.

TOUSSAINT H. NAVARRE. An extremely pleasant person to meet, always kindly and considerate, Toussaint H. Navarre of Monroe township, Monroe county, Michigan, is a man who has always been held in the greatest respect by his neighbors and acquaintances. He was born and has lived practically on the same spot all his life so that he is well known for a considerable distance around his home.

Mr. Navarre's grandfather, James Navarre, a native of Detroit, Michigan, was one of the earliest settlers in Monroe county. Mr. Navarre, the subject of this sketch, whose parents were Eli J. and Fannie (Generoux) Navarre, was one in a family of seven children, all of whom are still living. All of them, James E., Joseph, Elizabeth, Peter, Roselle and Simon, are living in Monroe, and none of the daughters have ever married.

T. H. Navarre was born April 30, 1859, and received his education, with the exception of one term at a French school, in the district schools near the home farm. At the age of nineteen he went west to South Dakota, and opened up a restaurant in Vermillion. He stayed there only five years, however, and then returned to Monroe to take up farming. He is now the owner of forty acres of land two miles south of Monroe. On July 28, 1911, he and Miss Augustine Morrin were married in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Toledo. His wife was born December 20, 1866, the daughter of Samuel Morrin and Susan (Barron) Morrin. Mr. Morrin, the son of Peter and Amelia (Duvall) Morrin, was born in Erie, Monroe county, and his wife in La Salle, Michigan, but they were both of French descent. Mrs. Navarre was educated in the public schools of Erie. Both she and her husband attend St. Mary's Catholic church at Monroe. Mr. Navarre is a Democrat.

LOUIS J. QUELL has lived his entire life in Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, and is well known and respected there as an honest, upright farmer. He has never taken much part in local politics, although he belongs to the Democratic party, but has taken a great

deal of interest in the school affairs of the county, and is at present a school officer.

Mr. Quell was born in the township September 13, 1870, one in a family of ten children and the son of George and Regina (Fearley) Quell. Both parents were born, raised, educated, and married in Germany, but later came to this country where Mrs. Quell is still living and where Mr. Quell lived until his death. Of their ten children eight survived, William, Frank, and Benjamin who are residents of North Dakota; August, George, and Louis, residents of Frenchtown township; Tracy, the wife of Joseph Beazer, and Caroline, who is unmarried and living at home.

Louis J. was raised on the farm and attended the St. Michael's Catholic school until he was confirmed, when he began farming. His first marriage took place with Mary Mack, and from their union two children were born, Addie, eighteen years old, now attending the St. Mary's College, and Sylvester, sixteen years old, a graduate of the common schools. His wife died in 1899, and soon after he was married to Rosie Eby. They became the parents of Leo, aged nine; Edward and Edna, twins, aged eight years. The mother's death occurred in 1904, and on January 27, 1909, Mr. Quell married Catherine Gentner. They have had one daughter, Elsie, one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Quell are members of St. Michael's Catholic church, and Mr. Quell also holds a membership in the St. Joseph's Society of the church. He owns 105 acres in private claims 503 and 317, and is a general farmer and dairyman.

CYRUS W. PETTIT. For almost a half century,—forty-seven years it may be said for the sake of accuracy,—has Cyrus W. Pettit been identified with the life of Monroe county, Michigan. In that time he has witnessed the remarkable development of southeastern Michigan as a resident of the state, and has borne his full share in the development of the district, contributing to its growth the work of his hands and heart during all the years of his residence here.

Mr. Pettit was born in the vicinity of London, Ontario, Canada, on September 25, 1843, and was the third born of the eight children of his parents, Martin and Eliza (Wilkins) Pettit. Six of that number yet survive, but four of them living in the United States, the two others being residents of Canada, where they were born. Martin Pettit, himself a native born Canadian, was educated in the common schools of his home community, passed his life as a farmer and died near the scene of his life's labors. The mother, also Canadian born, died in Sparta, Ontario, Canada.

Up to the time of his eighteenth birthday Cyrus W. Pettit shared the parental home, at which time he went to London, there to learn the trade of currier and tanner. He was duly apprenticed to the trade, and by the terms of the agreement he was to receive \$40 a year and his keep for the two first years of his apprenticeship, and \$60 and keep for the last two years. At the end of three years, however, he felt himself sufficiently well versed in the details of the work to enable him to break his apprenticeship, which he did, and came direct to

Detroit. His sole possessions in coin of the realm was something like \$25 when he arrived in Detroit on September 7, 1863, but he sought and almost immediately found employment at his trade, entering the service of George Kirby, who was located on Woodward avenue. He continued there for six months, then saw a better opening with the firm of Tomlinson & Graves, where he remained for another half year. His next move was to Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1866, and he remained there for eight months, when he decided to try his luck in Chicago. En route for that city, he stopped in Jackson, and there met a member of the firm of Emily & Corter, who maintained shops at Tecumseh and Jackson. Mr. Emily had charge of the establishment at Tecumseh, and his offer of employment was accepted by Mr. Pettit who remained there for some little time, then moved to Adrian, Michigan. His stay in Adrian was but brief, six months covering it, after which he returned to his home in Canada and followed his trade in the vicinity of his native community for some few months, soon, however, returning to Michigan again. He once more took up his work in Tecumseh and for something like three years continued there. When he came to Dundee in 1869 he had managed to accumulate a capital of \$600, all representing savings from his earnings. He worked at his trade for a year in Dundee, and in 1871 located an establishment on Main street where he engaged in the manufacturing of harness and saddles. He remained in that location for a year, in 1872 locating on his present site, which is his personal property. Thus for forty-two years Mr. Pettit has been engaged in business in Monroe county, in the town of Dundee, and has well earned the right to be styled one of the pioneers of the county. Mr. Pettit carries a large and complete line of harness goods, robes, whips, etc., and in addition to this feature of the business, he and his son, Irving, carry on a busy trade in the manufacturing of harness, in which work they are recognized as adepts in and about the county.

Mr. Pettit has been twice married. On March 4, 1873, he married Miss Jeannette Cook, a native of the Empire state, where she was reared and educated. She was engaged as a teacher in the schools of Monroe county for some years prior to her marriage. Mrs. Pettit died on September 23, 1884, leaving two children,—a son and a daughter. Leo, the eldest, is the wife of William F. Crow, one of the most promising young agriculturists of the county, living in Dundee township. They have three children,—Jeannette, Elwin and Margaret. Mrs. Crow is a graduate of the Dundee high school, and was one of the most popular and successful teachers in the county before her marriage. Irving, the son, is associated with his father in business, as was previously mentioned. He was graduated from the Dundee high school in the class of 1895, after which he learned his trade under the careful tutelage of his father, whose early training and subsequent experience rendered him thoroughly capable of instructing another in the details of the trade. Irving Pettit married Miss Jennie Bush, and they have one child, a daughter named Irvana. She is now a student in the seventh grade. Mrs. Pettit was reared and educated in Wayne county, finishing her schooling in the Belleville high school, and for eight years was engaged in teaching in Wayne and Monroe counties.

She has five sisters who are also engaged in educational work in the county. Irving Pettit is a Progressive in his political faith, and his fraternal relations are maintained with the Masons, and the Knights of Pythias of Dundee.

The second marriage of Mr. Pettit, of this review, took place in Dundee when he married Miss Nellie Thorn, and three children have been born to them, as follows: Harry L. is a resident of Dundee, where he is engaged in the decorating and painting business. He finished his education in the Dundee high school and married Miss Ada Winters; two children have been born to them,—Geraldine and Mary. Harry Pettit supported the Socialist candidate in the last general election. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias of Dundee. Eva remains in the parental home, having completed her education with her graduation from the Dundee high school; and Berenice, the youngest, is a student in the eighth grade.

Mr. Pettit is a Progressive Republican with regard to his political tendencies, and he is fraternally connected with the Masonic order, in which he is a member of the blue lodge and chapter at Dundee. Mrs. Pettit is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is active in the various departments of its good work.

The Pettit home is maintained on Main street, and is a pleasant and comfortable domicile, where the many friends of the family are most cordially welcomed.

FRANK S. TODD is one of the old, established farmers of Ida township. He has been a resident of the township of Ida all his life, born in Ida on June 11, 1867, and is the son of John and Frances (Wolf) Todd. The father, John Todd, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, July 24, 1824, and later in life removed to Monroe county, Michigan. Both are now deceased, the death of the father occurring in 1911, in Monroe county, Michigan. He was but a child when his parents moved to Crawford county, Ohio, and thence to Wyandotte county, Ohio, and the year 1865 saw his emigration to Ida township, Monroe county, Michigan, where he and his brother William purchased the old Wing farm in Ida township. He was a very successful man and had accumulated 207 acres of good land in Ida township. Politically he was a Democrat and had held several of the offices of the township.

Religiously he formerly was a Presbyterian but in the later years of his life he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Todd was a native of Pennsylvania and came from the Pennsylvania German stock. She was born February 26, 1827, and died June 5, 1880. She received a good common school education, and was one of those grand women who reared her children to lives of righteousness, honesty and integrity.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Todd are interred in Lulu cemetery in Ida township, where beautiful monuments mark their graves.

There were nine children, three sons and six daughters born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Todd, and seven are living in 1912, the eldest being Mary J., the wife of D. J. Harwick, a resident of Ida township and a farmer; Margaret, wife of John Sykes, represented elsewhere in

this work; Ellen, widow of T. G. Verdon, a resident of Ida township; she was a teacher in Monroe county; Martha Ann, wife of Frank Salter, a resident of Lulu, Michigan; Lena, widow of Edward Patton, a resident of Ida township; Frank S., of this sketch; Effie M. is her brother's housekeeper; she was educated in the common schools and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lulu, Michigan.

Frank S. Todd received such educational advantages as the district schools of the township afforded in that early day, and he also was privileged to attend the Dundee high school. He gave his attention to farming exclusively after finishing school, and has with the years that have passed prospered most agreeably in his vocation. He has come to be the owner of a fine farm of more than one hundred acres, which yields him a generous income under his careful management, and has won a firm place in the public esteem and confidence.

He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lulu, Michigan and is a member of its board of trustees. He is fraternally identified by his membership in the K. O. T. M. and the Ancient Order of Gleaners at Lulu, of which latter order he is the present chief. He is a Republican, and has always taken an intelligent and active interest in party affairs. He is unmarried, and his home is cared for by his maiden sister, Miss Effie M. Todd, who, like himself, is prominent and popular in the community.

GODFREY G. OETJENS, clerk of Ida township for the past four years and one of the proprietors of the Ida grist and sawmill, is foremost in the ranks of the leading men of his township. He is a son of J. J. Oetjens and his wife, Dorothea Schreiner, both of whom were born in Germany and came to the United States in their young life. They were married in Marine City, St. Clair county, Michigan. The father, J. J. Oetjens, was a minister of the German Lutheran faith, and for a number of years followed that vocation in Ida. He it was who started the Emanuel congregation in Ida township, now a flourishing church, and he was in the service there for many years. He finally gave over his ministerial duties and became interested in business ventures as a merchant, later purchasing a half interest in the Ida grist mills, which his sons are now operating. He died in 1898, on the 17th of July. The wife and mother still survives. They became the parents of ten children, eight of whom are yet living. They are Mary, Emma, Clara, John, Lena, Gusta, Godfrey G. and Siegfried.

Godfrey G. was born in Ida on April 30, 1875, and educated in the public schools of the village of his birth. He was early confirmed in the German Lutheran church, of which he is yet a conscientious member. He soon became engaged in the grist business which his father eventually established, and to that he has given the best part of his time and attention since he identified himself with the operations of the firm. He has, however, taken a lively interest in the politics of his township, and has for four years filled most acceptably and creditably the office of township clerk, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Oetjens is recognized as being one of the advancing business men of the village,

and one who will upbuild the town as a result of his own industrial operations, the village thus seeing in him one of her most valuable citizens.

Mr. Oetjens wedded Miss Louisa K. Stotz, November 28, 1912. She is a native of Monroe county, and was born in Ida township, March 25, 1882. She received her education in the common schools and is a member of the German Lutheran church.

J. EDWARD READY. A representative of a family whose name has been worthily linked with industrial and civic affairs in Monroe county for more than half a century, Mr. Ready has gained prominence and success through his admirable initiative and administrative powers, which he has applied along normal and productive lines of enterprise, and he is known as one of the progressive and influential business men of the younger generation not only in his native county, but also in the city of Detroit, the fair metropolis of the state. His business interests are now largely centered in Detroit, but he still maintains his home in Monroe, his circle of friends in his native county being limited only by that of his acquaintances.

J. Edward Ready was born on the homestead farm of the family, in Ash township, this county, and the date of his nativity was January 27, 1877. He is a son of William and Catherine (Gorman) Ready, both of whom were born in Ireland. William Ready was reared and educated in the fair old Emerald Isle and as a young man, in 1847, he severed the home ties to seek his fortunes in the United States. After spending about three years at Syracuse, New York, he came to Monroe county, Michigan, and purchased a small farm in Ash township. There the family home was established, and in addition to giving general supervision to his farm the father was identified with construction work on the Canada Southern Railroad, as was he later on the line of the present Pere Marquette Railroad. He devoted a number of years to this line of work and while the demands placed upon him in rearing his large family of children, to whom he insisted upon giving the best possible educational advantages, prevented him from accumulating more than a modest competency, he lived and labored to goodly ends and left a name worthy of all honor. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and he took an intelligent interest in public affairs. He never sought public office but he served for some time as drain commissioner of Ash township, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1898, at which time he was seventy-three years of age. He and his wife were devout communicants of the Catholic church, in the faith of which they carefully reared their children. All the ten children, four sons and six daughters, are now living, and of the number the subject of this review was the eighth in order of birth. The mother died in 1886.

J. Edward Ready gained his rudimentary education in the district school in the vicinity of his home. He then put his scholastic attainments to practical test and utilization by teaching one year in one of the district schools of his native county, but his ambitions were not to be satisfied with the work of the pedagogic profession, his natural tastes and predilections leading him into active business association. In 1902 he

became one of the organizers of the State Bank of Carleton, this county, and was elected its first cashier. He retained this position six years and was an influential factor in the upbuilding of the substantial business of this institution, which now has deposits aggregating about \$280,000 and of the directorate of which he is still a member. While serving as cashier of this bank Mr. Ready was elected supervisor of Ash township, a position which he retained for four years, during two of which he had the distinction of being chairman of the county board of supervisors, the youngest member ever occupying that position. A stalwart in the camp of the Democratic party in Monroe county, Mr. Ready was made the nominee of the party for the office of county clerk, to which he was elected in 1906. His popularity in his home county was distinctively shown at this time, as he received a larger majority than did any other candidate on the party ticket. He proved a most alert and punctilious executive and as clerk of the county gave an admirable administration. At the expiration of his term of office, in 1908, Mr. Ready went to the city of Detroit, where he became associated with Judge Harry A. Lockwood and other representative citizens in the organization of the Detroit National Fire Insurance Company, which was incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000. He was elected treasurer of the company at the time of its incorporation, in November, 1911, and still retains this office, the demands of which, with the substantial and rapidly expanding business of the company, now demand the major part of his time and attention. As has previously been noted, Mr. Ready is a director of the State Savings Bank of Carleton, and he is also a stockholder, director and organizer of the State Savings Bank of Essexville, Bay county, Michigan. In Monroe he is a stockholder of the River Raisin Paper Company, which is one of the important industrial concerns of his native county, and here he is also a stockholder of the Monroe Democrat Publishing Company, besides which he has given his co-operation in the promotion and upbuilding of other minor enterprises. He has shown himself to be a man of much initiative, constructive and organizing ability, has pursued a straightforward and honorable course in all of his business associations, and has gained success worthy of the name. He merits consideration in this publication as one of the essentially representative young business men sent forth by Monroe county, where he has a wide circle of friends and where he maintains deep interest in all that touches the general welfare of the community. He is a communicant of the Catholic church, in which he holds membership in St. John's parish, and his popularity in social circles is not the less by reason of the fact that he still remains on the list of eligible bachelors.

HERMAN C. ROEDER. A loyal and public-spirited citizen, who is deeply and sincerely interested in all matters affecting the good of the general welfare is Herman C. Roeder, who resides at Monroe, Michigan, where he is agent for the Stohs Brewing Company of Detroit. He is a business man of unusual ability and up to 1907 was associated with his father in running a brewery at Monroe. The plant burned in that year, however, and since then Mr. Roeder and his father have been agents for the Stohs Brewing Company of Detroit, as already noted.

Herman C. Roeder was born at Monroe, Michigan, on the 25th of August, 1879, and he is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Eichner) Roeder, both of whom were born in Germany, the former February 19, 1835, and the latter March 28, 1836. Jacob Roeder entered school in his native land at the age of six years and when in his sixteenth year he entered upon an apprenticeship to learn the trades of cooper and brewer. In 1853 he immigrated to the United States, landing in New York City, whence he came at once to Monroe, where he has since resided and where he worked a short time at the cooper's trade. In 1868 he engaged in the brewery business, erecting a plant in which he installed the latest improved machinery. It is said by those who tested the quality of his liquor that it was very tasty and pure. This being the case he was soon enabled to build up a thriving business in Monroe and in the neighboring towns. In 1907, however, the brewery was destroyed by fire and instead of rebuilding it Mr. Roeder decided to engage with his son as agent for the Stohs Brewing Company, with supply office at Monroe. Jacob Roeder married, in 1859, Miss Margaret Eichner, a native of Germany, whence she came to America about 1850. Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Roeder but three survive, namely,—Herman, the immediate subject of this review; and Mary and Rosy, both of whom remain at the parental home.

To the public and parochial schools of Monroe Herman C. Roeder is indebted for his early educational training. He also attended and was graduated in the Monroe high school. Upon leaving school he began to work for his father in the latter's brewery and in this way was enabled to acquire a splendid and thorough knowledge of all the departments of the business. When the brewery burnt in 1907 he became agent for the Stohs Brewing Company of Detroit and he is working up a splendid trade for that concern in Monroe county. In politics he is an uncompromising supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and while he has naught of time for active participation in public affairs, he is ever on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures and enterprises projected for public improvement. He served as supervisor of Monroe township for two terms, 1911-1912. In their religious faith the Roeders are devout members of the Trinity Lutheran church, to whose charities and benevolences they are most liberal contributors.

At Monroe, on the 12th of May, 1910, Mr. Roeder was united in marriage to Miss Rose Schneider, a daughter of Jacob Schneider, of Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Roeder have two daughters,—Margaret and Bertha. The Roeder home is in a beautiful brick residence at Laplaisance row, and the same is a recognized center of refinement and generous hospitality.

REV. H. F. R. FRINCKE. The United States ranks today as the foremost nation of the modern civilized world. It has served as the melting pot of the best characteristics of all other nations and the outcome is a fine, sterling American citizenship consisting of strong and able-bodied men, loyal and public spirited in civil life, honorable in business and alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with every measure tending to further the material welfare of the entire country. The great empire of

Germany has contributed its fair quota to the upbuilding of this great nation and among its representatives in this country are to be found successful men in every walk of life, from the professions to the prosperous farmer. He whose name initiates this article is of German descent. He is a man of education and intrinsic refinement and as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church at Monroe, Michigan, is achieving remarkable success in the way of promoting the spiritual growth of the community.

Rev. H. F. R. Frincke was born in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, January 22, 1860, and he is a son of Rev. Charles and Emma (Hanser) Frincke, both of whom were born in Germany, whence they came to America. The Rev. Charles Frincke received his theological training at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Subsequently he was pastor of the Lutheran congregation at White Creek, Bartholomew county, Indiana. From here he was called to a large congregation at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he was pastor for many years. From 1868 he had charge of a congregation at Baltimore, Maryland, where he died June 5, 1905. His cherished and devoted wife passed away in 1904.

The fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children, Rev. H. F. R. Frincke received his early training in the parochial schools at Indianapolis and Baltimore. In 1873 he entered Concordia College, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, there pursuing a classical course. After graduating in the latter institution he was matriculated as a student in the Concordia Theological Seminary, at St. Louis, Missouri, in which he was graduated May 13, 1882, with the degree of B. A. Soon thereafter he was ordained to the ministry and was called to serve a Lutheran congregation at Lincoln, Nebraska, where he remained for the ensuing thirteen years. In 1895 he came to Monroe, Michigan, as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, a position he has ably filled to the present time, in 1912. His church has an enrollment of one thousand members and it has a parochial school which boasts an attendance of one hundred and twenty pupils. The beautiful church edifice was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Carl Franke, now judge of probate court. The Trinity Lutheran church, with the assistance of its pastor, has been instrumental in establishing the Old Folks' Home, in Monroe. This institution is controlled by a society of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran church. The building has been repaired and remodeled and has sixty comfortable rooms for the housing of its sixty inmates. Every comfort is supplied to these old people and the institution is managed by a board of supervisors.

Rev. Frincke exercises his right of franchise in favor of the Democratic party. He contributes liberally to all matters projected for the good of the general welfare, is an ardent believer in higher education, and at all times is ready and anxious to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. He is a man of great philanthropy but there is a modesty and lack of all ostentation in his work as a benefactor. His deep sympathy and innate kindness of spirit endear him to all with whom he comes in contact.

August 29, 1883, Rev. Frincke married Miss Marie Bode, a daughter of the Rev. C. E. Bode, of Seward, Nebraska. Mrs. Frincke was born and reared at Fort Wayne, Indiana. Seven children have been born to

bless this union, namely,—Clara, who is devoting her attention to the cultivation of her musical talents; Victor, a machinist employed in the Michigan Central car shops at Jackson, Michigan; Selma, a stenographer; Oscar, a nurseryman; Bruno, watchmaker with the Wagner Brothers, jewelers; Albert, a student at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, preparing for the ministry; and George, who remains at home. The attractive residence of the Frincke family is at No. 159 Scott street.

FRANK M. HAUSMANN. To build a mercantile business and maintain its trade successfully year after year requires ability and enterprise of high order, and the successful merchant is properly esteemed as one of the citizens upon whom the permanent welfare and prosperity of a community depend. If one were to name a few of the men in Monroe county who started their careers in a modest way as wage earners and have advanced through their own resources and ability to first rank among business leaders, Frank M. Hausmann of Monroe would be mentioned without hesitation.

A lifelong resident of the county, he was born in the village of Ida on March 5, 1869, attended the local parochial school and also received part of his education at Saginaw, finishing in St. Michael's in this city. In his fourteenth year he began his practical career in the employ of S. B. Lewis, the nurseryman, with whom he remained eighteen months. With Antoine Weier he learned the baker's trade, and later for five years was clerk in Captain Jones' grocery, and later in a similar capacity was with Ernest Entermann. His independent business life began in 1898, when he established the business which during the past fifteen years has grown to be one of the most important in the mercantile district. In 1908 he erected the two-story cement-block store, 25 by 63 feet. The Hausmann store is in fact a department store, carrying large and varied stocks of groceries, meats, hardware, and also a drug department. This general supply house is one of the popular trading points in Monroe, and its value as a flourishing and going concern reflects great credit on the founder and promoter.

Mr. Hausmann's parents were Martin and Anna (Gessner) Hausmann, both of whom were born in Germany and came to America before they were married. The father was educated in his native land, but was still quite young when he crossed the ocean, and from New York came direct to Monroe. Not long afterward the Civil war came on, and he enlisted in the Fifteenth Michigan Infantry, Colonel Oliver commanding, with which regiment he participated in several battles and saw considerable service before his honorable discharge in 1864. Soon after his return to Monroe he moved to Saginaw, where at first he was engaged with the F. & P. M. R. R. in the machine shops. He later returned to Fort Gratiot and was employed by the Grand Trunk railway, but after two years here he went to Elkhart, Indiana, where he was connected with the Elkhart Iron Works until his death in 1895. His wife passed away in 1873. Their three children were Frank M., Anna and Lena, both daughters being residents of Elkhart, Indiana.

Mr. Frank Hausmann was married in 1890 to Miss Minnie C. Kramer, daughter of Charles and Minnie (Zarg) Kramer. They are the

parents of three very accomplished children. Beatrice Hazel is a graduate of the Monroe high school, is a talented violinist and is now studying music at St. Mary's academy. Una May is also attending St. Mary's, and Frank J. is at home.

Mr. Hausmann is a citizen of broad interests and activities, and besides his store has financial interest in several of the industries of this city. He is a member of the Merchants & Manufacturers club, of the Monroe Yacht club, and his fraternities are the Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Foresters. He is now serving his second term as alderman from the Third ward. In politics he is a Democrat, and his family attend the St. John's Catholic church.

OTTO H. CRON. A prosperous young business man who during boyhood selected a vocation and had applied himself to it throughout his career, Mr. Cron has now established himself in an independent way and is one of the able and influential young citizens of Monroe.

Otto H. Cron was born in the city of Monroe on the 12th of February, 1881, and represents the sterling German-American citizenship of this county. His parents were George J. and Sybilla (Habeferliner) Cron, both of whom were natives of Prussia and Bavaria, were married after coming to America and settled in Monroe. The father died in 1898, but the mother is living in this city in her seventy-first year. The former was formerly a supervisor of the first ward and for ten years filled the office of justice of the peace. In politics he was a Democrat.

Otto H. Cron was educated in this city and was graduated from the high school during his sixteenth year. His first practical employment was with the Ilgenfritz nursery, where he remained a year, then for eighteen months was with the Deinzer Manufacturing Company, after which he became connected with the Baker green-house and during the following six years thoroughly learned the business. In 1906 he founded the Cron greenhouse on Washington street, where he has one of the best establishments of the kind in southeastern Michigan. Fifteen thousand square feet of glass cover his flower houses, and they are heated throughout with steam. The arrangement of the beds and alleys is after the most modern plan, to facilitate the picking of the flowers. He has greenhouse flowers and plants in great variety, and to a trade that extends throughout the city and to neighboring towns the name of Cron spells quality and general satisfaction. He has a good business and has used fine judgment and energy in making his enterprise one of the best.

SIDNEY N. EATON. One of the prominent old families of Monroe county is represented in Mr. Eaton, the well known merchant of Monroe. The Eatons came to this county during the pioneer era, and each of the three generations has furnished citizens of ability to this community.

Sidney N. Eaton, who has had a broad and successful experience in merchandising, was born in the city of Monroe, June 8, 1871, being a son of Job C. and Rachel (Fox) Eaton. The father was born in

Vermont and the mother in Leeds, England, and she is still living in Monroe at the age of eighty-three years. The father came to this county in 1832, the grandfather being the founder of the family name in this vicinity. Both the grandfather and father held the office of sheriff of Monroe county, each serving two terms in that important position, and they both were influential and honored men in their day and generation.

Educated in the Monroe public schools, after leaving the high school, Sidney N. Eaton began his business career as clerk for J. S. Hoffman, the clothing merchant. Although still a comparatively young man, Mr. Eaton has had a long experience in business, and has worked his way to independence from a modest beginning while a boy. After three years with Mr. Hoffman he became clerk for the clothier, C. R. Mabley, of Detroit, and two years later was employed at Detroit in the men's clothing and furnishing house of R. H. Traver. For six years he was then connected with the Hub clothing house in Chicago, where he completed the foundation of a broad and liberal experience in the mercantile trade. In 1908 he established a business of his own in Monroe, having a central location and using all the first floor at 9-11 W. Front street, the building his father erected in 1880. His stock of men's furnishings and clothing is selected for a high class trade, and his patronage has been a liberal one almost from the day he opened his store.

Having been reared and spent most of his life in Monroe Mr. Eaton enjoys a large acquaintance both in business and social circles. Fraternally he is financial secretary of the Odd Fellows and is clerk of the Modern Woodmen of America. He served in Company K, Thirty-two Michigan Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish-American war and is commander of John M. Gutmann Camp Spanish war veterans.

GUY J. KULL. As manager of the Monroe Gas Light & Fuel Company, Guy J. Kull has one of the important positions in the business life of his home city. He has made a prosperous career in business, and is one of the enterprising young citizens of Monroe city and county.

Mr. Kull was born January 11, 1880, in Monroe, and belongs to one of the old families of this city, his grandparents having emigrated from Germany and settled here during the pioneer period. He is a son of Jacob F. and Alice (Jarboe) Kull, both of whom are respected residents of Monroe, where the father was born in 1851. Jacob F. Kull has for many years been a skilled blacksmith and wagon and carriage maker, and has conducted a substantial business.

After leaving the high school where he completed his school education, Guy J. Kull entered his business career as a salesman on the road, traveling the states of Oregon, Washington, Minnesota and Montana. After leaving this work he returned to Monroe and became identified with the Gas Light & Fuel Company and also the Monroe Water Company. In October, 1910, he was advanced to the position of manager of the Gas Light & Fuel Company, and has very capably directed the affairs of this corporation in its service to the citizens

of Monroe. Mr. Kull married Miss Elsie E. Engels of Monroe, on July 23, 1912. She is a native of Kansas City, Missouri.

NATHAN B. HUBBLE. One of the old and prominent families of Monroe is represented in Mr. Hubble, the senior member of the firm of Hubble Brothers, wholesale dealers in cigars and retailers of confectionery. Three generations of the Hubbles have lived in Monroe and those of that name have always maintained a high standing in the community.

Nathan B. Hubble was born in this city on the 17th of December, 1870, being the oldest son of Joseph J. and Julia B. (Bond) Hubble. The grandfather Nathan was among the early settlers of Monroe. Joseph J., the father, was reared and educated here and during the Civil war volunteered for service in the Union army. At the first battle of Bull Run he was wounded and taken prisoner, and for some time was confined in the old tobacco warehouse at Richmond so famous under the name of Libby Prison. After his exchange he received an honorable discharge, being disabled for further active service. After recovering his health he engaged in the sale of cigars, and also conducted a confectionery store. This business, which he built up to large proportions and conducted until his death in 1884, was the foundation of the present firm of Hubble Brothers, above mentioned. The father was a Democrat in politics, but never sought office, and was a member of the John R. Smith Post, G. A. R. His widow is still living and a resident of Monroe.

Nathan B. Hubble was reared in his native town, and his education was obtained in the local public schools and at St. Francis College. From school he at once entered upon a practical career, assisting in his father's store. With his father's death he and his brother William J. succeeded to the management of the business, and their establishment is one of the oldest and best known of the kind in this city. Their location is on Washington street in what is known as the old Hubble block. The building was constructed many years ago by a syndicate and was occupied and conducted in the early days as a hotel, being known as the Humphry House, and later the Clark House. In addition to this old established business Mr. Hubble is also a dealer in the modern line of automobiles, representing in this city two different cars—the Ford, and the Overland.

On June 30, 1902, Mr. Hubble was united in marriage with Miss Estelle C. DuBois. Her parents, Lewis J. and Julia (St. Aubin) DuBois, were both of French parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Hubble are the parents of the following children: Virginia May, Victor J., Julia St. Aubin, Alice and Louis DuBois.

In citizenship as in business Mr. Hubble is a progressive and public spirited gentleman. For three years he served as president of the board of public works. In politics he is a member of the Democratic party, and his fraternal associations are with the Knights of Columbus.

HON. CARL FRANKE. An inviolable place in the confidence and high regard of the people of Monroe county is that held by Judge Franke, who has been for more than a decade past the able and valued incumbent.

of judge of the probate court of the county and who had previously been for eleven years the loved and honored pastor of Trinity Lutheran church in the city of Monroe. He is a man of high intellectual attainments and it is fortunate that the probate court of Monroe county has at its head a man of such sterling character and distinctive ability as those of Judge Franke, for this court is one which safeguards to a large extent the general family and individual interests of the community.

Judge Franke claims the staunch old Hoosier state as the place of his nativity and is of sterling German lineage. He was born in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 10th of March, 1853, and is a son of Carl and Sophia (Foellinger) Franke, both of whom were born and reared in Germany. Carl Franke, Sr., learned the trade of shoemaker and in 1847 he severed the ties that bound him to his fatherland and came to America. Soon after his arrival in New York City he made his way to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he followed the work of his trade for a number of years and where he eventually became a substantial business man. There his wife, mother of the subject of this review, died in the year 1865, and he passed the closing years of his life at Jackson, Michigan, where he was buried in 1906, at the venerable age of seventy-nine years.

To the public schools of his native city Judge Franke is indebted for his preliminary educational discipline, which includes the curriculum of the high school, and thereafter he continued his studies for six years in Concordia College, an admirable institution conducted in the city of Fort Wayne under the auspices of the German Lutheran church. He graduated in this institution in 1873 with the degree of A. B. In preparation for the work the high calling to which he had determined to devote himself, Judge Franke then entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1876. At Waverly, Iowa, in the month of September, 1876, Judge Franke was ordained a minister of the Lutheran church, and his first pastoral charge was at Waverly, Iowa, where he served as pastor of the German Lutheran church for two and a half years. In 1878 he accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran church at Jackson, Michigan, where he served for five years. In 1884 he came to Monroe, Michigan, and assumed the pastorate of Trinity Lutheran church, and he continued as the pastoral and executive head of this important parish for eleven years, during which he did much to further the spiritual and temporal prosperity of the same, the while he gained and retained the affectionate regard and earnest co-operation of his people, as well as the unequivocal esteem of the entire community. Under his supervision the present beautiful Trinity Lutheran church was erected and largely through his efforts the Old Folks Home was established here. In 1895 he was compelled to withdraw from active pastoral work, on account of throat disorder which made it impossible to continue his public speaking. He accordingly resigned his pastorate, and it has been a matter of deep satisfaction to him and to the people of Monroe that he has been able to continue his residence in the city which has been his home for more than a quarter of a century.

In the year 1900 Judge Franke was selected judge of the probate court of Monroe county, and by successive re-elections he has since continued in tenure of this important office, the affairs of which he has administered with consummate ability and discrimination, so that he has received the unqualified approval of the people of the county. For a time Judge Franke served as editor of the *Monroe Record-Commercial*, one of the leading papers of Monroe county, and for three and one-half years he held the office of state dairy and food inspector, a position to which he was appointed by Governor Pingree. As judge of probate he has ex-officio charge of the juvenile court of Monroe county, and in this adjunct tribunal his services, earnest and painstaking, have been of distinctive value. He is a man of broad humanitarian spirit and is at all times zealous in works for the aiding and uplifting of his fellowmen. In politics he accords a staunch allegiance to the Republican party and he takes a lively interest in public affairs, especially those of local order. He still continues active and zealous in connection with the work of the church of which he was long pastor, and is one of the influential representatives of the Lutheran denomination in Michigan.

On the 22d of November, 1877, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Franke to Miss Anna Seemeyer, daughter of Gottlieb and Caroline Seemeyer, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and of the nine children of this union eight are living: Anna M. is the wife of George Beisel, of Monroe; Clara L. is a valued employe in the office of her father, where she holds the position of register of probate; Carl G. is a machinist by trade and is employed in the M. C. R. R. shops in the city of Jackson; Ida M. is a trained nurse by profession and is registered at Harper hospital, in the city of Detroit; Hulda is a successful and popular teacher in the public schools of her home county; Bertha, who was graduated in the Monroe high school, remains at the parental home, as do also Lydia and Irene, both of whom are students in the high school.

JOHN A. KIRSCHNER. For three generations the city of Monroe has benefited from the industry and business ability of the Kirschner family, whose members have been worthy and public-spirited citizens and have borne their part in practical affairs with energy and judgment.

Andrew and Mary Kirschner, the first of the name to be identified with Monroe county, were both born in Germany, and about 1848 came west from New York and settled in Monroe. Andrew Kirschner was a tanner by trade, and his tannery was located at the river end of Island street, where he was engaged in the manufacture of leather for a number of years, until the tannery was burned down.

Joseph Kirschner, a son of this pioneer tanner and father of John A. Kirschner, was born in New York City, March 23, 1846, and lived in Monroe from the time he was two years old. Shortly after the death of John Wahl, founder and proprietor of the old Wahl brewery, he and George Schrauder took over the business and conducted it successfully until the plant was destroyed by fire on December 1, 1905. The brewery was not rebuilt, and thereafter Joseph Kirschner was connected with a Toledo concern until his death, which occurred September 29,

1910. He was long a respected citizen of Monroe. He was married in 1882 to Miss Elizabeth Wahl, a daughter of John Wahl, above mentioned. Their three children were: John A., Helen and Isabelle. Their mother is still living. Both she and her late husband were active members of St. Michael's Catholic church.

John A. Kirschner, who represents the third generation of the family in Monroe and is one of the popular and enterprising business men of the city, was born in Monroe, April 25, 1883. His education was in the public schools, and after graduating from the high school in 1902 he became assistant to his father in the brewery business. In 1908 he became agent for the Buckeye Brewing Company of Toledo, with office and warehouse at Monroe for the supply of this city and neighboring towns. Mr. Kirschner is owner of valuable city property, and is a citizen who is ready to promote any movement for the general prosperity of his home community. He is unmarried and resides with his mother in the old family homestead at 651 West Front street. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of St. John and with the local club of Elks.

HENRY J. BECK, supervisor of Whiteford township, and one of the prosperous and progressive agricultural men of his community, was born in Whiteford township on May 28, 1871, and is the son of Samuel Beck and Mary (Hertsick) Beck, both of whom were born in Switzerland. They came to America in their young days and settled in Lucas county, Ohio, later removing to Monroe county, where they made their home until the death of the father on April 28, 1910. The wife and mother is still living at this writing. Seven children were born to the parents, all of whom are living. They are: Samuel, Louis, John, William, Henry J., Elizabeth and Emma.

Henry J. was reared on the home farm in Whiteford township and attended the district school in the winter seasons until he was about eighteen years old. He then worked on the home place for his father until he was about twenty-seven. On October 18, 1897, he married Elizabeth Heiss, born and reared in Toledo, and like himself, of German descent. Six children have been born to them: Leonard S., Helen, Lester, Clyde, Florence and Roy, an infant.

The family are members of the German Evangelical church, the faith of their fathers, and Mr. Beck is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Ottawa Lake and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a Republican and was township treasurer for two years, justice of the peace four years and supervisor of his township for three terms, an office which he still holds.

Mr. Beck has a farm of forty acres which he operates and which under his careful manipulation yields a bountiful income. He carries on general farming and is known for one of the up-to-the-minute farmers of his community.

REV. M. J. CROWLEY. One of the able and honored members of the priesthood of the Catholic church in Monroe county, and one whose consecrated zeal and devotion have done much to further the spiritual

and temporal prosperity of his parish, is Father Crowley, the rector of St. John's church, in the city of Monroe.

Father Crowley finds satisfaction in claiming the state of Michigan as the place of his nativity and has never lacked in appreciative loyalty to this fine old commonwealth. He was born in the city of Jackson in September, 1876, and is a son of James and Mary (Cassidy) Crowley, both of whom were born and reared in Ireland and both of whom are representatives of the staunchest of Irish stock. Their marriage was solemnized in Londonderry and they continued to reside in the fair Emerald Isle until 1866, when they immigrated to America. They finally established their home in the city of Jackson, Michigan, where they still reside and where the father, who is now living, virtually retired at a venerable age, was successfully engaged in the contracting business for many years. Both he and his wife have ever been zealous communicants of the Catholic church.

Rev. M. J. Crowley is indebted to the parochial and public schools of his native city for his early educational advantages and thereafter he was for six years a student in Assumption College at Sandwich, province of Ontario, Canada. His theological and philosophical courses were pursued in Mount St. Mary's Seminary in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the University of Washington, D. C., and in 1900 he was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Rev. Bishop Foley, the distinguished bishop of Detroit. The first parochial charge of Father Crowley was at Gaylord, Michigan, where he accomplished admirable work and where he remained until 1904, when he assumed his present pastoral charge, as rector of St. John's church, Monroe. This parish, which is strong and prosperous has a membership of one hundred and sixty families, and the parish school has an average attendance of somewhat more than one hundred pupils. The present church edifice was erected in 1873 and has since been greatly improved by remodeling and by the installing of excellent ecclesiastical appointments. The church was built under the pastoral regime of Rev. Camellius P. Maes, who is now bishop of the diocese of Covington, Kentucky. Father Crowley succeeded in this charge the Rev. Francis O'Rourke, who has served the parish continuously for twelve years. Father Crowley is held in high esteem in the community and his parishioners accord to him a loyal affection and regard that are shown in the earnest co-operation which they give to all departments of the church work. Father Crowley is progressive and public spirited in his civic attitude.

CHARLES L. MAINZINGER. Mainzinger Brothers, dealers in wool, hides, pelts, furs and tallow at Monroe, Michigan, are well known throughout their county and the entire state, particularly by those interested in their line of business. The business which the Mainzinger Brothers are now carrying on was started in the sixties by their father, and when he died the sons continued with it, building up the then small trade into the present flourishing business.

Mainzinger Brothers, who are the immediate subjects of this brief review, were born in Monroe county. They are the sons of Charles and Sophia M. (Glass) Mainzinger. The father was a native of Bavaria,

Germany, born there on May 21, 1832, and he emigrated to the United States in 1847, coming direct to Monroe county from New York City. He settled in the township called Frenchtown, in Monroe county, and was engaged in farming. He moved to Monroe and opened a meat market which he conducted until 1866 in the building now occupied by his sons. He prospered there, and in 1884 he launched out into a new business, carrying on a trade in wool, hides and tallow, in conjunction with his regular meat market business. He continued at the head of the business and prospered in proportion to his ambition and ability, and he retired in 1887. He left a finely established business for his sons to step into and carry forward, and he was thus succeeded by his three sons, Charles L., George and Gustave C., and they have enlarged and extended the business in numerous ways since they became its owners. They have taken up the handling of hides, pelts and furs, in addition to the previous lines, and at one time were heavy shippers of poultry, which they sent to eastern markets and to neighboring cities, as Detroit and Toledo. In 1906 they discontinued the handling of poultry but have still held to the other lines previously mentioned.

Their business house is a commodious affair, ample for their needs, covering an area of 20x90 feet with an "ell" 24x40 feet, and three stories in height. The business is conducted along sound and conservative lines, in accordance with the policies which their father pursued, and in which he thoroughly grounded his sons. The success which they have experienced in the business he left to them is doubtless due in great measure to the wise and judicious training they received at the hands of their father.

* WILLIAM MUNSON HURD well merits recognition in this publication, by reason of being one of the representative business men of his native city and a citizen whose sterling character and civic loyalty have gained to him prominence and popularity in the county that has ever represented his home. He is president and treasurer of the G. R. Hurd Company, wholesale and retail dealers in grain and coal, and the company of which he is the executive head is one of the substantial and important industrial concerns of the city of Monroe. On other pages of this work is dedicated a memoir to the late George R. Hurd, father of him whose name initiates this review, and thus further reference to the family history is not demanded in the present connection. It may, however, be stated that the family name has been identified with the annals of Monroe county since the territorial epoch in the history of Michigan and that it has been closely concerned with industrial and civic development and progress in this favored section of the state.

William Munson Hurd was born in this city of Monroe on the 11th of December, 1876, and after duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native city he completed a course in the Detroit Business University, in which he was graduated. He forthwith became identified with the extensive grain and coal business conducted by his honored father, and after the death of the latter, in 1898, the enterprise was continued by his sons, under the former title of George R. Hurd & Sons. The three sons, John A., Barton W. and William M. Hurd con-

tinued the business with marked success for a number of years, and in addition to handling grain and coal at wholesale and retail, with a well equipped grain elevator in Monroe, the enterprise was amplified by the buying and shipping of dressed pork, the transactions of the firm at times aggregating from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars in a single day, and products being purchased over a territory averaging in radius from twenty-five to fifty miles. John A. Hurd, eldest of the three brothers, retired from the firm, and the two younger brothers thereafter conducted the business under the original title until 1904, when the G. R. Hurd Company was incorporated with a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars. The functions of the business were commercially amplified under these conditions and the concern is one of the largest of the kind in this section of the state. The grain elevator in Monroe has a capacity of fifty thousand bushels and the coal bins of the company accommodate one hundred thousand tons, so that the facilities in both departments of the enterprise are adequate in all particulars. The officers of the company are as here noted: William M. Hurd, president and treasurer; George Bisel, vice-president; and J. W. Mac Kinzel, secretary.

Not only as a business man, but also as a loyal citizen has William M. Hurd stood exponent of progressive policies, and he has shown a specially lively interest in all that has touched the general welfare of his native city and county. The attractive and modern home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurd is located at 158 Tremont street. Mr. Hurd is affiliated with the following named Masonic bodies in his home city; Monroe Lodge No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons; River Raisin chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; and Monroe commandery No. 19, Knights Templars.

In 1902, Mr. Hurd was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bisel, who was born and reared in Monroe county, where her father, the late Henry W. Bisel, was long a representative citizen. Mrs. Hurd was summoned to the life eternal on the 6th of June, 1908, and is survived by one son, George Robinson Hurd, named in honor of his paternal grandfather. On the 22d of January, 1910, Mr. Hurd contracted a second marriage, by his union with Miss Ruth Noble, who likewise was born in Monroe county and who is a daughter of the late William Noble, an honored resident of the county for many years prior to his death. Mrs. Hurd presides most graciously over her beautiful home and is a popular figure in the social activities of the community.

GEORGE R. HURD. A native son of Monroe county and a representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of this section of the state, George Robinson Hurd here won large and worthy success through his own energy and well developed business powers and was long a prominent and influential factor in the industrial activities of the county, the while he ordered his course upon a lofty plane of integrity and honor and thereby retained the inviolable confidence and esteem of the community in which his entire life was passed. His character and his achievement well entitle him to a specific tribute in this history of his native county. He was one of the leading business men of the city of Monroe at the time of his death, which here occurred in 1889.

George Robinson Hurd was born in Monroe county, Michigan, on the

2d of January, 1832, and this date indicates that the family home was established in the county several years prior to the admission of Michigan to the Union. The father was born in the state of Vermont, on the 1st of September, 1791, and the mother, Agnes L. (Thompson) Hurd, was born in Ireland, on the 15th of August, 1795, both families having been founded in New England in the early pioneer days. The mother was reared in the Protestant faith and, like her parents, was a devout member of the Presbyterian church. She long survived her honored husband, whose death occurred on the 23d of March, 1855, and she continued to maintain her home in Monroe county until she was summoned to eternal rest, on the 26th of January, 1886. Of the five sons all have now passed away except Horatio B. Morgan S., another of the brothers, was one of the argonauts of California, to which state he went in 1852. There he was identified with gold mining until 1866, when he entered the employ of the Central & Southern Pacific Railroad Company, with which he was identified in the capacity of claim adjuster at the time of his death, which occurred in 1889.

The father of the subject of this memoir was reared to maturity in his native state and was a valiant soldier in the War of 1812, in which he served as a private in a Vermont regiment. After the war he established his home in Orange county, New York, where he continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until 1831, when he came with his family to the territory of Michigan and settled in Frenchtown township, Monroe county, where he secured a tract of land and instituted the reclamation of a farm. On this old homestead he continued to reside until his death, and his name merits enduring place on the roll of the sturdy and honored pioneers of the county and state.

Reared on the old homestead farm, and under the conditions and influences of the pioneer days, George Robinson Hurd found but limited educational advantages in his youth, his attendance in the primitive district school having been somewhat desultory, as he early began to contribute his quota to the work of the farm. He eventually became one of the independent and successful farmers of Frenchtown township, and there he continued to reside until 1871, when he removed with his family to the city of Monroe, having in the meanwhile been identified with the general merchandise business for a time in his home township. Upon coming to Monroe he became a dealer in agricultural implements, and he soon brought his splendid business acumen to bear in an effective way. In 1872 he began buying and shipping dressed hogs, and in the following year he expanded his enterprise by establishing an adjunct department for the handling of hard and soft coal. With the passing years he built up a most prosperous and extensive business, especially as a buyer and shipper of grain and as a dealer in coal, both at wholesale and retail, and he was the founder of the splendid enterprise which is now conducted by the G. R. Hurd Company, and which in its title perpetuates his name, even as it stands as a monument to his energy, integrity and well directed efforts.

Mr. Hurd gained precedence as one of the most substantial and progressive business men of his native county, and also became an influential factor in connection with public affairs of local order, as will be

shown by statements in a later paragraph. From an article published prior to his death are taken the following statements, which are well worthy of preservation in this connection: "By clean work and honest dealing he secured a large and substantial trade, as well as the good will and respect of all with whom he came in contact, his trade eventually covering a radius of thirty miles from Monroe. By persistency and close attention he brought his annual business up to an average of about \$250,000 within a period of about fifteen years, and he eventually admitted his three sons to partnership. The grain business assumed such volume that in 1887, for the better handling of that commodity, Mr. Hurd erected a large elevator on Front street, near the tracks of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. During all this time he has never had his paper thrown out by the banks nor failed to meet promptly his bills when presented. In his entire business course he has always done what was fair and honorable, thus gaining the confidence of his fellow citizens, the while he was never known to betray any trust reposed in him." Mr. Hurd continued to be actively identified with business affairs until the close of his long and useful life, and his broad-minded and progressive ideas also made him influential in public matters, in connection with which he was called upon to serve in various offices of distinctive trust. During his residence in Frenchtown township he served in turn as constable, highway commissioner, township treasurer, and finally township supervisor, which last named office he resigned at the time of his removal to Monroe, in 1871. While he never sought public office he was ready to give his services when demanded by the people, and the citizens of the county did not fail to mark their appreciation of his sterling character, his civic loyalty and his excellent ability. In 1876-7 he represented the Third ward of the city of Monroe as a member of the board of aldermen, and in 1887 there came further evidence of popular confidence and esteem, in that he was elected mayor of the city, his administration being so eminently satisfactory that he was chosen as his own successor in 1888, so that he was chief executive of the municipal government for two successive years, within which he did much to further the best interests of the city. He served for more than ten years as a member of the board of education, and in 1886 he was re-elected to this office while he was absent in California. Upon his return to his home city he was tendered a veritable ovation by the citizens of Monroe. He was given a formal reception, at which the mayor of the city welcomed him home and at which Mr. Hurd himself made a brief address in which he marked, with deep feeling, his appreciation of the sincere friendship manifested by the people of his home city and native county.

In politics Mr. Hurd ever gave a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party and he was admirably fortified in his convictions concerning matters of public import. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Hurd was actively and prominently affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity as represented in Monroe county, and he was most appreciative as a student of its history and teachings. On the 1st of March, 1864, he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, in Eureka Lodge No. 107, at Monroe, and he had the distinction of serving fifteen

years in succession as worshipful master of this lodge, which he also represented as a delegate to the grand lodge of the state for twenty years. In the latter body he was elected grand sword-bearer in 1868, and he continued to serve as master of his home lodge until he finally declined any official preferment in the same, after long years of faithful and effective service. On the 8th of September, 1865, he was exalted in River Raisin Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, and he was high priest of this capitular body from 1879 to 1882, besides serving as its representative to the grand chapter of the state. In 1874 Mr. Hurd received the cryptic degrees in River Raisin council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, of which he served as illustrious grand master from 1878 to 1882. He became a charter member of Monroe Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, at the time of its institution, in December, 1867, and in this chivalric order he passed the various official chairs, his incumbency of the office of eminent commander having continued during the years 1874-5. He was a most earnest and valued worker in the various Masonic bodies with which he was affiliated, and his funeral services were held under impressive Masonic auspices.

During the climacteric period of the Civil war Mr. Hurd found it virtually impossible to go to the front as a soldier of the Union, but it is altogether probable that he gave equally valuable service to his country through his activities as a member of the enlistment committee in the township of Frenchtown, where he was most zealous in filling the required quota without resorting to draft. For two years he was treasurer of the committee paying bounties to volunteers, and as all money for this purpose was raised by subscriptions he devoted much time and effort to raising the required funds, often at much personal sacrifice to his own business interests.

Mr. Hurd married Miss Rosetta Nowlen, a daughter of William R. and Betsey (Palmer) Nowlen, honored pioneers of the county. His loved and devoted wife survived him by nearly a decade and passed to the life eternal in 1906, secure in the affectionate regard of all who had come within compass of her gentle influence. Mr. and Mrs. Hurd became the parents of five sons and three daughters, and of the number three sons and one daughter are living: John A., who was born on the 7th of February, 1859, has long been a representative business man of Monroe; Delia B., who was born on the 23d of October, 1865; Barton W., who was born October 30, 1868; and William Munson, who is now president and treasurer of the G. R. Hurd Company, of which his father was the virtual founder, is individually mentioned on other pages of this work, the sketch of his career giving further data concerning the great business enterprise with which the honored subject of this memoir was so long identified.

ALBERT L. GILHOUSE, the popular manufacturer and merchant and the clerk of Whiteford township, was born in this locality on March 28, 1874, his parents being John and Catherine (Holmey) Gilhouse, both of whom were born in Ohio and of German descent. Their children were three in number, of whom one died in infancy. The other two

are Albert Gilhouse, the subject of this sketch, and his sister, Gertrude, who is now Mrs. Arthur O. Emerson of Whiteford township.

On the parental farm in Whiteford township, Albert Gilhouse grew to manhood, attending the rural school of the district until he had reached the age of nineteen. He remained on the farm as his father's assistant until he had attained his majority, after which he accepted a position in his father's store in Whiteford township. He subsequently took up the carpenter's trade, at which he continued for ten years. At the end of that time he and his brother-in-law, Mr. A. O. Emerson, purchased the Gert cheese factory, which they have ever since owned and supervised, turning out Michigan cream cheese of a superior quality. He and Mr. Emerson also have become the owners of the Gert general store, of which they are the present efficient proprietors.

Mr. Gilhouse is a bachelor, who gives a due amount of attention to the fraternal organizations of which he is a valued member, being connected with the Ottawa Lake lodge No. 20, in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and being a past grand member of the Grand lodge of the state of Michigan. Politically he is a loyal Republican and is now ably serving his third term as clerk of the township.

BENJAMIN F. SIMMONS is now serving his fourth term as highway commissioner, a fact which eloquently indicates his wise and careful service in that office. Mr. Simmons was born in Birchville township, St. Clair county, Michigan, on August 16, 1858, and is the son of John and Mary (Whiting) Simmons. The parents came to Monroe county, Michigan, in the spring of 1865 and settled in Raisinville township, where they passed the remainder of their quiet and uneventful lives. They were the parents of ten children, seven of that number being now living.

Benjamin F. was about seven years old when he accompanied his parents to Monroe county, and he was reared to farm life in Raisinville township, attending the village schools in winter and giving his summers to the care and up-keep of the farm home. He continued thus until he was about twenty years old, after which all his time was given to the farm work, and he was thus occupied until he married, after which he entered upon farm life on his own responsibility, continuing until he became identified with the mercantile business in Raisinville. He was railroad agent and postmaster for about seven years, and gave up that work to assume the duties of highway commissioner, in which office he is now serving his third term. He is the owner of a sixty acre farm, and operates the farm in conjunction with his official duties. His farm is located in Dundee township.

Mr. Simmons was married to Miss Ida Waite of London township. They have three children: Edna, the wife of Orlo Belleville of Dundee township; Mary, who married Earl Wiley of Davenport, Iowa; and Wesley, unmarried, who lives with his father. The wife and mother died on June 10, 1901.

Mr. Simmons is a Republican, and although a man of quiet manner and slow speech, he is known to be one of the influential men of the town. His good judgment is recognized by his fellow townsmen, and

he is highly regarded by all as a good neighbor, an upright man and a worthy citizen in the community in which he has passed the greater part of his life.

JACKSON H. PICKARD. A genial, popular and successful man who is still proudly claimed by Bedford township, although he has retired and is living in Toledo, is Jackson H. Pickard, whose history is an interesting one. His parents were identified with the development of this region during the earlier half of the preceding century. In 1883 his mother's parents, Jackson and Phoebe (Brown) Hoag, came from New York state to Monroe county, where they located in Bedford township, where their daughter, Anna Hoag, was married to William Pickard. He had been an Englishman, born in 1813 in Addingham, England, but came to this country in 1840. By his first marriage he was the father of six children, of whom two are now living, Mrs. Anna Marden and her brother, the subject of this biography.

Jackson H. Pickard was born in Bedford township on March 4, 1847. On the parental farm and in the district school his youthful faculties were developed. Leaving school at fourteen, he assisted his father in his agricultural enterprises until sixteen years of age. He then took advantage of an opportunity to go to Illinois with an uncle for whom he worked, later going further west and acting as a buyer of cattle and hogs for his uncle who was largely interested as a dealer in stock. Returning to Monroe, he began farming for himself. In 1869 he was joined in wedlock to Sara A. Rawson, the daughter of Watson and Elizabeth Rawson, natives respectively of New York and Ohio.

After settling on his farm Mr. Pickard was largely engaged in the dairy business, which his experience and judgment taught him to manage successfully. All that he did seemed to prosper and presently he was the owner of 220 acres of fine land, well stocked, and of a handsome home.

The one misfortune that has come to Mr. and Mrs. Pickard has been in the death of their only daughter. But their friends are legion and their sympathies with all sorts and conditions of life is deep and broad. Mr. Pickard is a Republican and has been active in public service both as a resident of Bedford and since his removal to Toledo. He was a highly esteemed justice of the peace in Bedford township while a resident there. Since his removal to Toledo in 1896, he has adequately served for nine years as a school trustee of Washington township in Lucas county, Ohio, and is now fulfilling the duties of a second term as treasurer for the same township.

Living in peaceful retirement at his home, which is located at 160 Lewis avenue, Toledo, Ohio, "Judge Pickard" as his Bedford friends still like to call him, is looking forward to a comfortable and complacent old age.

JAMES J. KELLEY. Now serving his second term in the important office of county commissioner of schools of Monroe county, Mr. Kelley has given an administration that has proved fruitful in furthering the advancement and stability of the work of the public schools throughout

the county, and his long retention of the office indicates the high estimate placed upon his services by the people of the county. He has had long and successful experience in direct pedagogic work, is a man of fine intellectual attainments and he has shown marked executive ability, as well as ability of a high administrative order in directing the manifold details of the office of which he is now the efficient and popular incumbent. Further interest attaches to his labors in this capacity by reason of the fact that he is a native son of fine old Monroe county and a scion of one of its honored pioneer families. His grandfather, Owen Kelley, was born in Ireland. He early came to New York, and subsequently moved to Michigan in the pioneer days and established his home in Ash township, this county, where he reclaimed a farm and became a substantial citizen. Here he continued to reside until his death, as did also his wife, whose maiden name was Maloney, both having been of sterling Irish lineage and members of families early founded in the state of New York. They were numbered among the early pioneers of Ash township and their names merit enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneers of Monroe county.

James J. Kelley was born on the old family homestead in Ash township, this county, and the date of his nativity was December 28, 1874. He was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, and of the others two sons and one daughter are now living. The parents, Patrick and Mary Ann (Queenan) Kelley, were natives of New York state and Monroe county, respectively, but the father was a child of four years at the time of the family removal to Monroe county, and he was here reared to maturity and here his entire active career was passed. His career was one of close and successful identification with the great basic industry of agriculture, of which he became one of the leading exponents in Ash township. There he purchased a tract of timber land which he cleared of its natural growth, as well as of debt, through his own untiring efforts, and there he continued to reside until his death in 1885, when he was fifty-four years of age. His cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1906 when about seventy-four years of age. He was a stanch Democrat in his political proclivities.

The boyhood days of James J. Kelley were passed on the home farm and he early began to contribute his quota to the work of the place, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the district school of the neighborhood. He later graduated from Carleton high school, and after leaving the same, he put his scholastic requirements to practical use by teaching in the district schools of his native county. His vacations were given to assisting with the work of the home farm. He taught four years in the district schools, three of them being spent in his home school, and he was principal of the Temperance school for two years, principal of South Rockwood school one year, and superintendent of Ida school for two years, from which position he was elected to the office of county commissioner of schools. His mother being a widow, Mr. Kelley was obliged to earn every dollar spent for his education, teaching one year and attending school the next. He studied one year in Detroit College and one year in Niagara University, New

York. In 1892 he matriculated in the law department of the University of Michigan, but later gave up the study of law at the urgent request of his mother, who was influenced by a too scrupulous pastor. He again turned his attention to the pedagogic profession and entered the Michigan Normal College in 1903, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. Pd. in 1905.

Having made excellent success in his chosen profession, Mr. Kelley became the Democratic candidate for the office of commissioner of schools of Monroe county, to which he was elected in the spring of 1907. At the expiration of his original term of four years he was re-elected, without opposition, the opposing party having put forward no other candidate, and his present term will expire on the 1st of July, 1915. As commissioner Mr. Kelley has been earnest and indefatigable in his efforts, has systematized and advanced the work of the schools in his jurisdiction and has gained the appreciative co-operation of the teachers of the county, as well as the unqualified approval of the general public. His circle of friends in his native county is coincident with that of his acquaintances, and he may well be satisfied with the service he has been able to offer here in connection with one of the most important of public activities. Mr. Kelley remains in the ranks of the bachelors, is a Democrat in his political allegiance and clings to the religious faith in which he was reared. He is a communicant of St. John's Catholic church in the city of Monroe, and here he has maintained his home from the time of assuming his present official position.

THORNTON DIXON. It is gratifying to be able to present within the pages of this work specific records concerning many of the native sons of Monroe county who have here found ample scope for effective effort along various lines of endeavor and who have honored their native county through their characters and services. Of this number is Thornton Dixon, who is established in the successful practice of the legal profession in the city of Monroe and who is recognized as one of the representative members of the bar of the county.

Mr. Dixon was born in the village of Dundee, this county, on the 10th of October, 1875. He is a son of John J. and Caroline (Beitzel) Dixon, who were born in the years 1843 and 1848 respectively. John J. Dixon is a native of Ohio and there lived until his marriage in 1866. Within a short time after his marriage he established his home in the village of Dundee, Michigan, and there he became the founder of the Dundee Bank which, under his effective administration, became one of the substantial and popular financial institutions of Monroe county. The enterprise was continued under the title noted until 1911, when the institution was incorporated under the laws of the state and title changed to the Dundee State Savings Bank. John J. Dixon continues as president, and Seth C. Dixon, a son, is cashier of this stable and ably managed banking house. John J. Dixon is one of the well-known and highly honored citizens of the county in which he has long maintained his home and to whose civic and material advancement he has contributed in no small measure. Mrs. Dixon died January 17th, 1900, and of their children, two sons are living.

Thornton Dixon, the immediate subject of this review, is indebted to the public schools of his native village for his early educational discipline, which included the curriculum of the high school, and in preparation for the work of his chosen profession he then entered the law department of the University of Michigan, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1895 and from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was forthwith admitted to the bar of his native state and initiated the practice of his profession in the village of Dundee and continued same until his election as prosecuting attorney in 1900, when he removed to Monroe. He has served three terms as prosecuting attorney of the county and made an enviable record in this important office. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Dixon is an appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which his affiliations are with Dundee Lodge No. 74, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 37, Royal Arch Masons; and Monroe Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar.

On the 2d of December, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dixon to Miss Nellie L. Sterling, daughter of William C. Sterling, a representative citizen of the city of Monroe, and they have one daughter, Jeannette. Mr. Dixon maintains his offices in the First National Bank building and his home is on Washington street.

BERNARD STURN, for many years prominent in the business life of Monroe, Michigan, is a native born German. Reared in America from the age of seven, in the home of his parents, he was thoroughly grounded in those principles of industry, integrity and carefulness which make so largely for success in the lives of our best German citizenship. Monroe has known him and his work for many years, and the high rank he takes in the civic life of the city is ample evidence of his character and fitness as a citizen of high order.

In Baden, Germany, September 25, 1845, Bernard Sturn was born and there he passed the first years of his life. He is the son of Paul and Mary Ann (Gurweck) Sturn, both natives of that country, and in the year 1852 with his parents he came to America. The family came direct to Monroe, and there the father engaged in the cabinet making business, which was the trade he learned in the homeland, and later worked as builder and contractor. He prospered in his work, which was always conducted in a small way and along most conservative lines, and remained thus occupied until his death, which came in 1870. His wife had died in 1854, two years after their coming to Monroe, and he was thus left with their six children to look after. Of that number, all are deceased excepting Bernard of this review, and a sister, Mrs. Louisa Smith, who lives at Hillsdale, Michigan.

Bernard Sturn attended school in Monroe for a few years, first in the public schools and later in St. Michael's Catholic school, but he was still young in years when he left school and entered a printing office to learn the printer's trade, in the office of the *Monroe National Press*. There he passed three years in hard and diligent work, studying constantly that as he advanced in workmanship he might also advance along educational lines. In 1861 at the age of sixteen he enlisted in the

Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a member of a military band and he continued thus until 1862, when by an act of congress all military bands were disbanded, and he then returned to Monroe and again worked at the printer's trade for a while, when in 1864 he entered the employ of A. Munch, a baker and confectioner of some prominence in Monroe, and for nearly six years he continued thus employed. In the year 1870 Mr. Sturn engaged in the restaurant and grocery business near the Lake Shore depot, and in that spot he built up a lucrative business, in which he continued until 1908. His friendly and open-hearted disposition has won to him a prominence that could not fail to bring him exceptional prosperity in such a business as he has been the proprietor of. In 1908 he retired from the activities of the restaurant business and turned the details over to his son, Harry L. Sturn, who has since carried on the establishment with a continuation of the success which marked the career of his father.

Mr. Sturn is a Democrat in his political allegiance, but he never, however, aspired for any political office, but has done good work for the city of Monroe as an official while a member of the board of public works, and also as a citizen during all these years of his residence in Monroe as a voter. He is a member of Joseph R. Smith Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is also connected with several industrial organizations that have an important part in the life of Monroe. He and his family are members of St. Michael's Catholic church.

In 1872 Mr. Sturn married Malidia Hoffman, a daughter of Leopold and Saphronia (Lammeler) Hoffman. Thirteen children were born of their union, of which number twelve are living. They are: Bernard J., Clara L., Harry C., George P., William E., Elizabeth, Frances S., Joseph A., Leo A., Mary M., Loretta S., and Herbert A. The family reside at the handsome home which Mr. Sturn erected at 219 Monroe street in 1908, a thoroughly modern home and well suited to the needs and requirements of the family.

JOHN C. HAMMER. Monroe county, Michigan, figures as one of the most attractive, progressive and prosperous divisions of the state, justly claiming a high order of citizenship and a spirit of enterprise which is certain to conserve consecutive development and marked advancement in the material upbuilding of this section. The county is and has been signally favored in the class of men who have contributed to its development along commercial and agricultural lines and in the former connection the subject of this review demands recognition as he has been interested in the grocery business during his entire active career. Under the firm name of Hammer & Lochner a strictly first-class grocery store is conducted at Monroe and an extensive patronage is controlled in this city and in the surrounding country.

John C. Hammer was born at Monroe, Michigan, August 23, 1882, and he is a son of John T. and Susie (Kopf) Hammer, the latter of whom passed to the life eternal in 1901. The father was educated in the city of Philadelphia, where he passed his early boyhood. He came to Monroe some years ago and worked for the Lake Shore Railway and then became

associated with C. F. Beck & Son in the lumber business on the lake and is still associated with the firm.

The second in order of birth in a family of five children, John C. Hammer was educated in the public schools and in the high school of Monroe. Upon leaving school he became interested in the grocery business and continued to devote his attention to that line of enterprise as a clerk in the store of George Hermann, at Monroe, until 1910, when he decided to launch into the business world on his own account. In that year he formed a partnership with Walter H. Lochner, under the style of Hammer & Lochner, and opened a grocery store at No. 17 East Front street in Monroe. Strictly first-class patronage is catered to and the store is quickly becoming one of the foremost concerns of its kind in the city. Politically, Mr. Hammer is an uncompromising supporter of the Republican party and while he is not an office seeker he is keenly alive to all political issues affecting the welfare of his home city. He is affiliated with a number of representative fraternal organizations and in religious matters owns allegiance to the Zion Lutheran church, in whose faith he was reared.

November 24, 1910, Mr. Hammer married Miss Catherine Schmidt, a daughter of John and Sophia (Bunge) Schmidt, of Monroe. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer have one son, Justus C. The Hammer home is maintained at No. 17 East Front street and is recognized as a center of refinement and generous hospitality.

JOHN PHILLIPS BRONSON. The Bronson family was originally Scotch, its earliest American representatives, according to tradition, having come together to the New England states and there having founded the branches of that family, now scattered throughout the United States. The early Bronsons were participants in the colonial wars, in which they acquitted themselves creditably and unpretentiously.

Orin Wells Collins Bronson, who was a native of New York state, came in 1835 to the then new and richly promising middle west. He landed from the steamboat on which he had made his journey, first at Monroe, Michigan. From there he went to Tremainville, now West Toledo, and there was married to Helen Rebecca Phillips. The former Miss Phillips was of Dutch extraction. Her Holland-born ancestors had migrated to New Amsterdam before that settlement became New York. Her birth occurred in central New York state and her coming to Michigan was approximately coincident with that of the man to whom she was later married. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bronson went to make their home in Swan township, Noble county, Indiana, where their three sons and one daughter were born. Of these all are dead but the subject of this biography.

John Phillips Bronson, to whom this sketch is dedicated, was born in the Indiana home of Orin Phillips Bronson and his wife, on the 18th day of May, 1847. When about eight years of age, the boy accompanied the rest of the family to a new home in Toledo, Ohio. Here he and his sister and brothers were educated; here they grew to manhood and

womanhood. They all married and scattered to other localities; and all have passed from this life except the one, John Phillips Bronson.

The Toledo public schools provided the mental development of John Bronson. He was a mere youth at the time when the Civil war rent the Union. At the age of sixteen, however, he enlisted in the Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The courage with which he faced the dangers of military encounters is indicated by the fact that on Eutaw creek, in front of Atlanta, Georgia, he risked his life in an encounter that so severely wounded him as to result in the loss of his right leg.

After his discharge from the army, Mr. Bronson returned to Toledo. There for a long period of service he was a public officer in both city and county, until the year 1898. At that time he entered into a connection with the Boehme & Rauch Cordage Company. He continued his residence in Toledo until 1901, when he changed the location of his home to Monroe. He was at that time and still is associated with the Boehme & Rauch Company, in the capacity of treasurer.

Mrs. John Phillips Bronson was before her marriage Miss Helen E. Lee, daughter of a prominent family of Monroe county and lower Michigan, where they were pioneers of no slight importance in the building up of the state. Some of the French ancestors of Mrs. Bronson are notable for early civil and military settlement and government of Canada (1600). Marquise de la Jonquire (Chabert De Joncaire), governor; also, in Detroit, Chene-Loranger families, and Joseph Loranger, Mrs. Bronson's maternal grandfather, in an early day owned much of the land now the city of Monroe (the Loranger grant) and gave the city much of it for streets, and also public purposes.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bronson nine children have been born: Mrs. J. B. Friend, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Ben J. Greening, Monroe; Adelaide K.; Mrs. Walter A. Meier; Katherine H.; Eunice J.; John Lee; Dorothy H., and George L.

Politically Mr. Bronson has always given his allegiance to the Republican party. The religious interests of the family are those of the Catholic denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Bronson have lived a serenely uneventful life, such as is characteristic of the high morality and faithful service of our best citizens.

JOSEPH C. NADEAU. In the development of the land from the wilderness, in the pursuits of agriculture, in business, and in civic affairs, the pioneer Nadeau family has been prominent in Monroe county for more than eight decades of its history. The name and family fortunes were established here by Anton Nadeau, a native of France, who emigrated to the United States in 1830 and settled in Monroe county on land which at that time was heavily timbered. He did the pioneer labor of making a home and clearing the forests, and was one of the honored and industrious citizens of his time.

Of his children his son Moses was born in this county and became a substantial farmer, an occupation which he followed until his death at the age of forty-six. His wife was Dellia Nadeau, who was also a native of this county and of a French family. Her death occurred in 1900 at advanced age.

Joseph C. Nadeau, who for many years has been closely identified with the business life of Monroe, was one of the children of these parents and represents the third generation of the family in this county. He was born in his present home city, May 27, 1854. The district school near the home farm gave him his first schooling, after which he was a pupil in the old Fourth ward school, then in the John Davis school, and also for a time in the Union school. From the time he left school he has been identified with the mercantile and other business activities of this city, his first work being as a clerk in a grocery store. He has been one of the leading grocers of the city for many years, and the Nadeau store has not only been the reliable store for hundreds of families in this city, but has also been the training ground for others who have subsequently entered merchandising in this city or elsewhere. Mr. Nadeau is a stockholder in the First National Bank, in the Elkhart Manufacturing Company and the Monroe Manufacturing Company, all being prominent concerns of this city.

Mr. Nadeau was the organizer of the famous rowing club in Monroe known as the Showaecaemette, which brought to this city many laurels acquired in contests both at home and abroad. In its time it was one of the crack organizations. Though their first boat was a somewhat crudely constructed affair, the crew could drive it to outspeed any of the racing shells then used. In races on Lake Erie and on Long Island Sound, in the presence of great crowds, the Monroe oarsmen won every contest in which they engaged. They also went to England, where they surprised the Englishmen, who had always regarded their rowing as superlative. The members of the winning crew were Stephen Dusseau, Henry Durell, Moses Nadeau and J. C. Nadeau, all of whom were splendid athletes, and noted for their individual power and skill.

Mr. Nadeau was married on the 18th of May, 1877, to Miss Emma Jones, daughter of Lewis Jones. Mrs. Nadeau, who died in 1903, was the mother of four children, Joseph L., William J., Moses J. and May. The family home is at 610 First street in Monroe. Mr. Nadeau has always been a Democrat, and was treasurer of Monroe city for two years. He has always been a great admirer of sports, especially fast horses, some of which he owns.

ALONZO BURNHAM BRAGDON, known to the business world as A. B. Bragdon, Jr., is editor of the *Record-Commercial*, a weekly paper published at Monroe, Michigan, and he has been identified with local journalism practically all his life. The dissemination of news, the discussion of public questions and the promotion of the general welfare of his community through the columns of his paper have constituted life's object with him as a private citizen.

A native son of the city of Monroe, Monroe county, Michigan, A. Burnham Bragdon was born July 12, 1872, and he is the only son of Alonzo Bartlett and Agnes (Ross) Bragdon, both of whom are still living and reside at Monroe. The father is an attorney and counsellor-at-law, and a member of the Monroe county bar. After completing the curriculum of the public schools of Monroe, Mr. Bragdon, of this notice,

entered high school, in which he graduated as a member of the class of 1893. He began to sell newspapers when a lad of eleven years of age, and after leaving school he was engaged as a reporter until he had reached his legal majority. He then entered the employ of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, working for that concern at Carleton and Saginaw, Michigan, for a few years, being for a time assistant general yard master at Saginaw, where he had charge of all the trains during the night run.

In November, 1895, Mr. Bragdon, Jr., became city reporter on the *Monroe Democrat* and he held that position for the ensuing five years. In April, 1900, he opened an office and handled various local papers, including the Detroit, Toledo and Chicago dailies, and August 26th of that year he accepted a position as manager of the Record Publishing Company. Subsequently he became editor of the *Monroe Record* and he held that office until April 10, 1904, when the company absorbed the *Monroe Commercial*, continuing both papers consolidated as the *Record-Commercial*. At this time Mr. Bragdon, Jr., became editor and manager of the consolidated paper and under his guidance it has grown to be one of the important papers of Monroe county. It has an exceedingly large circulation, is Republican in political affairs and is published every week on Thursday.

As already intimated, Mr. Bragdon, Jr., is a Republican in his political convictions and while he is not an office seeker he exercises a great influence for good through the medium of his paper. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Monroe Lodge No. 19, Monroe Encampment No. 180, and Grand Canton Lucas No. 3, of Toledo, Ohio. He is likewise connected with Toledo Lodge No. 53, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Valentine Lodge No. 209, Knights of Pythias of Monroe. He is senior colonel of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., of the United States. He was chairman for four years of the advisory board of Michigan Republican Editorial Association in connection with his newspaper work; vice-president and chairman of the executive board of the Wolverine Press Club; he is a member of the National Editorial Association of the United States, and the Michigan Press Association, the oldest press club in the United States, of which latter organization he is vice-president.

January 6, 1897, at Saginaw, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bragdon to Miss Carolyn E. Bissonette, a daughter of Alexander Bissonette, a prominent citizen of Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Bragdon are the parents of four children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth,—Alexander Burnham, Helen Elizabeth, Alonzo Benjamin, Clarence James Whitford. In their religious faith the Bragdon family are devout members of the Episcopal church at Monroe.

JACOB COOKE. There is special satisfaction in being able to present in this publication a review of the career of this honored citizen, who is now one of the venerable pioneers of Monroe county, which has represented his home from the days of his infancy and in which he is a scion of a family that was here founded in the territorial epoch of Michigan

history, his parents having here established their home about five years prior to the admission of the state to the Union. Mr. Cooke has lived a life of signally earnest and productive order and is today undoubtedly the oldest active public official in the state, not only in point of years, but also in period of consecutive service, for he has been continuously the incumbent of the office of deputy collector of internal revenue for a full half century. His office headquarters are in the city of Detroit, but Monroe has been his home during all these years, and here his affections and interests have been centered, the while he has fully measured up to the requirements of the metewand of popular approbation and is one of the best known and most honored citizens of his home county, —a courtly, dignified gentleman of the fine old regime and one possessed of an affability and kindly consideration that have gained and retained to him warm friends in all classes.

Like many other of the sterling citizens who came to Michigan in the early pioneer days, Jacob Cooke claims the old Empire State as the place of his nativity. He was born at Geneva, Ontario county, New York, on the 15th of November, 1831, and is the eldest son in a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom one son and one daughter are now living. The parents, John and Jane (Pickney) Cooke, were born and reared in England but came to America separately, the voyages having been made on sailing vessels of the type common to that period. They landed in the port of New York City and soon afterward married and settled at Geneva, New York, where they continued to maintain their residence until 1832, when they came to Michigan and established their home in Monroe county. Here John Cooke purchased what was known as the old Lauman farm, the greater part of which is now included with the First ward of the city of Monroe. On this land is situated St. Michael's Catholic church, on the west bank of the River Raisin. On this farm John Cooke continued to reside for a number of years, and he not only made excellent improvements on the property and contributed his quota to the civic and industrial development and progress of the county, but he also became an influential factor in public affairs in the pioneer community. He finally removed to Wayne county, where he had purchased one thousand acres of land from the government, at a consideration of \$1.25 an acre. He also owned large tracts of land in Monroe, Hillsdale and Jackson counties. He reclaimed much of this land to cultivation and both he and his wife passed the closing years of their lives in Brownstown. John Cooke was eighty years of age at the time of his death and his wife was summoned to eternal rest at the age of eighty-six years, both having been earnest communicants of the Episcopal church, and the political allegiance of the father having been given to the Republican party. The names of these sterling pioneers of the territorial days in Michigan merit enduring place on the pages of the history of the state.

Jacob Cooke, whose name initiates this review, was about ten months old at the time of the family immigration to the territory of Michigan, and here he has maintained his home during the long intervening period of four score years. He availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of Monroe and Wayne counties and thereafter pursued

higher branches of study in Rosedale Academy, a well ordered institution located in Saline. Thereafter he put his scholastic acquirements to practical use by entering the pedagogic profession, in which he was for a short time a successful and popular teacher in the village school of Flat Rock, Wayne county. In 1852, about the time of attaining to his legal majority, he came from the family home in Wayne county to Monroe, to assist in the settlement of the estate of his honored father, who laid out and platted an addition to this city, said addition being now in the First ward. From that time to the present he has maintained his home in Monroe and during the decade from 1852 to 1862 he gave his attention principally to manufacturing potashes. In the latter year he was appointed first assistant assessor of internal revenue for the district of Michigan, this preferment having been accorded by Joseph R. Bennett, who was at the time the United States assessor of internal revenue for this state. It is certainly a remarkable record of service that has been that of Mr. Cooke in this government office, for he has continued to retain the position of deputy collector during the long intervening period of a half century, with official headquarters in Detroit and residence in Monroe, as already noted. It is altogether probable that no man in the state is more familiar with its history than this venerable pioneer, and his memory compassed the entire period of the history of the state as one of the sovereign commonwealths of the Union. He knew well the leading men of the pioneer epoch in Michigan annals, and has known those who have been influential in public affairs in the state in later generations. His reminiscences concerning the days long past are most graphic and many of them of great historical interest and value. His years rest lightly upon him and he has the physical alertness and mental poise of a man many years his junior, as may be measurably understood from the fact that he gives close attention to his official duties and finds pleasure in maintaining his active identification with practical affairs. He takes a deep interest in the questions and issues of the hour and is admirably fortified in his opinions concerning matters of economic and general political import.

Ever loyal and progressive as a citizen, Mr. Cooke has done much to further the civic and material progress of his home city, and he served for some time as representative of its First ward on the board of aldermen. He has been identified with the Republican party from the time of its organization and has ever been an uncompromising advocate of its principles and policies. He has been for fifty years affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons, in which he was raised to the degree of Master Mason, and both he and his wife are communicants in the Episcopal church. During his many years of service in government office Mr. Cooke has traveled extensively through Michigan and he has a wide acquaintanceship throughout the state, the while it may well be said that his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. In the city of Monroe the Cooke homestead, on Elm street, is one of the most beautiful old places of the county, with spacious grounds on which are many fine old maple and elm trees. This attractive home has ever been a center of refined and gracious hospital-

ity, and here Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, in the gentle evening of their lives, find pleasure in extending welcome to their hosts of friends.

On the 11th of June, 1857, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Cooke to Miss Sarah Grigg, who was born in England on the 27th of October, 1834, and who is a daughter of the late John Grigg, an honored pioneer of Monroe county. The wedded companionship of Mr. and Mrs. Cooke has covered a period of fifty-five years, and the home life has been one ideal in its every relation. To them were born seven children, namely: John, Hannah, William P., Arthur, Jane, Mary and Spencer. John is unmarried and has charge of the home farm. William P. is manager of the Monroe Furnace & Foundry Company. Arthur has a prominent place with the C. B. & Q. Railroad at Chicago, and Spencer is an electrical engineer in the employ of the Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. Jane is in the Congressional Library at Washington, and the other two daughters are at home.

DR. OLIN E. PARMELEE. It is always with a deep sense of appreciation that a historian records the life of one who, by means of unflagging ambition, skillful planning, intelligent toil and dauntless patience has attained exceptional success. A son who was gifted with power in exerting these effective weapons in life's struggle for a higher usefulness, was born in Hillsdale county on November 19, 1873, to Erastus and Ellen (Tremain) Parmelee; he is well known today in Lambertville and its vicinity as Dr. Olin E. Parmelee. That a desire for development and a worthy place in life were family characteristics is evidenced by the fact that the other two children of Erastus Parmelee and his wife are both teachers, having formerly been students of the Petersburg high school. Miss Ruth Parmelee, who supplemented her high school education by attendance at the Michigan state normal school, is teaching at Chicago, Illinois, and Miss Alice pursues the same profession in Samaria, Michigan.

It is probable that even when a boy on his father's farm, Olin Parmelee had his first visions of future usefulness. His attendance at the country school was marked by conscientious application. Realizing the discouraging expense of a long and thorough medical course, he neither sacrificed his ambition to necessity nor risked a debt for himself or his family. Recognizing the demand for men nurses and seeing in this profession a possible pathway to that other so closely related to it, the young man became a nurse. Much of the training this work entailed coincided with the elementary training for the medical profession, and thus equipped, he presently began the study of medicine, meanwhile making his expenses as a nurse. This required no little energy, for his occupation during the day made necessary his attendance on night classes for his medical course. In 1903 he entered the medical department of the University of Illinois. During the last two years of his course he gave his entire time to the study prescribed, realizing at that time the justification for his completing this preparation with the aid of a loan. His degree of M. D. was conferred in June, 1905. Before locating for practice, he spent three months more in nursing, while waiting for returns from the state board of health of Illinois. In Decem-

ber, 1905, he located in Chicago, Illinois, office at Wells and North avenue, also taking a special course in anæsthetics.

On March, 1906, he located in Lambertville. His practice in the town and vicinity has been very successful and is of gratifying extent. He is health officer of the township of Bedford and is a member of the Monroe Medical Society and the State Medical Association, American Medical Association and a non-resident member of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas county, Ohio. As to socially fraternal connection Dr. Parmelee is a member and past grand of Lambertville Lodge No. 467, I. O. O. F., and member of the grand lodge of Michigan; also charter member and past chief patriarch of Arbor Vitæ Encampment No. 177 of the same order, and a member of the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

Dr. Parmelee's marriage occurred on November 11, 1905, to Miss Edith Kinney, a daughter of Amos B. Kinney. She was born and educated in Monroe county, her studies being concluded in the Monroe high school. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Parmelee are Le Roy E., who is now five years of age, and Channing B., a babe of ten months. Both the doctor and his wife are regarded as valuable acquisitions in the personnel of the community. He is a Republican, but neither a narrow nor a violent partisan. Both politically and professionally he is ever interested in "the greatest good of the greatest number." May his life be long in Bedford township!

CHARLES W. PETERSON. One of the valuable and important industries of the city of Monroe is represented by Mr. Peterson, who is the local manager of the Standard Fish Company of New York. He has had thirty years' experience in this line of business in different parts of the United States, and is probably one of the best authorities in the state of Michigan on the commercial productions of fish from the inland waters.

Through his offices and storage houses at Monroe Mr. Peterson collects and ships to eastern markets quantities of fish to an amount that is probably understood by few citizens of this county. Most of the fish are concentrated at this point from Lake Erie, Lake Michigan and the Canadian lakes, the small dealers about these lakes acting as local commission men for gathering this product. Frequently Mr. Peterson ships east three carloads of fish at a time, the largest shipments being made during the months of September and October. One very essential department of this local business is the storage of large quantities of ice each season, which is a not unimportant industry by itself. In a large pond near Monroe the German carp collected at different seasons of the year, are kept and fattened for shipment. At certain seasons of the year there is a large demand in the eastern markets for this variety of fish. Seven hundred tons have several times represented the gross weight of the fish cargoes which leave the Monroe offices for the east. As purchasing agent and manager Mr. Peterson has handled this business for a number of years, and has a large acquaintance with the trade throughout the lakes region.

Charles W. Peterson is a native of Denmark, born in the city of

Slagelse, February 18, 1863. His education in the common schools of his native country gave him a thorough equipment for a practical career, and after leaving school he became clerk in a general store. At the end of five years his services had brought him a high recommendation from his employer, and with this equipment and training he set out for the new world. He arrived at New York in 1882, and located at Port Clinton, Ohio, where his headquarters were up to 1898, being a road salesman during most of that period for the New York Fish Company. In 1902 he became purchasing agent for the Standard Fish Company, with headquarters at Monroe, and has since been closely identified with this city both as a business man and public-spirited citizen. A Republican in politics, Mr. Peterson in 1910 was elected alderman from the Third ward, and is one of the influential and useful members of the municipal government. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Monroe Camp No. 8066, Modern Woodmen of America.

In 1886 Mr. Peterson was married to Miss Lovina Wright of Port Clinton, Ohio, where she was born and reared. They are the parents of the following children: John, who is agent for the Standard Fish Company; Carl G., clerk for R. M. Hall & Co., of Detroit; Marie A., in the Monroe high school; and James Monroe, Gertrude, and Lena. The family home is at 704 Third street.

BURTON PARKER. If those who claim that fortune has favored certain individuals above others will but investigate the cause of success and failure, it will be found that the former is largely due to the improvement of opportunity, the latter to the neglect of it. Fortunate environments encompass nearly every man at some stage of his career, but the strong man and the successful man is he who realizes that the proper moment has come, that the present and not the future holds his opportunity. The man who makes use of the Now and not the To Be is the one who passes on the highway of life others who started out ahead of him, and reaches the goal of prosperity in advance of them. It is this quality in Burton Parker that has won him an enviable name in legal and political circles in Monroe county, Michigan, where he has resided during the greater part of his lifetime thus far. At the present time, in 1912, he is special agent of the United States treasury department in charge of the fourteenth special agency district, with headquarters at Detroit. His home, however, is in Monroe.

In the township of Dundee, Monroe county, Michigan, April 24, 1844, occurred the birth of Burton Parker, who is a son of Morgan and Rosetta C. (Breningstall) Parker, both of whom were born in Batavia, New York, the former on the 1st of January, 1820, and the latter on the 27th of September, 1824. Morgan Parker was a son of Joshua Parker, whose birth occurred in Connecticut on the 7th of November, 1770, and the latter was the son of another Joshua Parker who was a soldier in the Revolution. Joshua Parker II moved from Connecticut to Oneida county, New York, where he resided for a number of years. In 1825 he emigrated to the western part of Monroe county, Michigan, locating eighteen miles west of Monroe City, where he entered a tract of 160 acres of government land which he cleared and cultivated. Morgan

Parker was a farmer up to 1855, at which time he engaged in the lumber, milling and manufacturing business at Petersburg, Monroe county.

The paternal grandmother of Burton Parker was Dr. Sina Parker, of Holland descent. She was the only practicing physician in western Monroe county for a number of years. Early settlers here remember her kindly as administering to the sick, traveling through swamps and over corduroy roads to reach their new homes in the wilderness. His maternal grandparents were likewise of Dutch descent and they emigrated from New York to Dundee township, Monroe county, Michigan, in 1840.

Burton Parker received his preliminary educational training in the district schools of Dundee township and in the village of Petersburg. Before and after school he worked in his father's lumber mill during the summers, also during vacations; at times he was employed in the lumber woods, driving teams and running logs down the river. He was the eldest in a family of five children. As his parents had both been school teachers in their younger days they kept their children at their school books during all of their spare moments. In October, 1861, Burton and his father enlisted for service in the Union ranks of the Civil war. They became members of Company F, First Regiment of Engineers and Mechanics, the father being first sergeant of the company. They were in the campaign of 1861 and 1862 in Kentucky, with Generals Buell and Thomas, and participated in the battle of Mill Springs, Kentucky, on the 19th of January, 1862, when the Confederate general, Zollicoffer, who was in command of the Confederate forces, was killed. Burton's father died while in service in Kentucky, his demise occurring on the 4th of April, 1862, as the result of typhoid fever. One year later, Burton was discharged on account of long and continued sickness. He immediately returned home and after recovering from his sick spell became a clerk in a dry goods store. Before he had reached his twenty-second year he was elected justice of the peace and began the study of law. He attended the University of Michigan, in the law department of which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1870, duly receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. Parker initiated the active practice of his profession at Monroe, where he gradually built up a large and lucrative law clientele. He has always been a Republican in political matters, and in 1868 he cast his first vote for General Grant. In 1872 he was elected circuit court commissioner for Monroe county; in 1881 he was elected mayor of Monroe by a majority of 246 and re-elected the following spring by a majority of 318. About the same time he was elected president of the school board of Monroe, the city at that time being over two hundred Democratic. In 1882 he was elected a member of the legislature in the Monroe city district by a majority of 240, the district at that time being likewise strongly Democratic. As a member of the legislature he was chairman of the committee on municipal corporations and assisted in the election of Thomas W. Palmer as United States senator. He was appointed Indian agent by President Arthur in the fall of 1884, at the Fort Peck Agency, Montana, and was removed by President Cleveland in the winter of 1885-86. In 1890 he was appointed special agent

of the United States treasury department and was removed twenty days after the inauguration of President Cleveland, but reinstated four years later under President McKinley. In March, 1894, he was appointed deputy land commissioner by Land Commissioner William A. reinstatement as special agent of the United States treasury department. On the 1st of October, 1903, he was appointed supervising special agent, in which position he served four years, during President Roosevelt's administration, being in charge of all special officers in the United States and foreign countries. At the present time, in 1912, he is special agent in charge of the Fourteenth Special Agency district, with headquarters at Detroit. For more than twenty-five years Mr. Parker has been active in political matters and during the course of various campaigns has made a tour of the state under the direction of the state central committee, addressing the people upon the political issues of the day. During his career as a lawyer he has been admitted to practice in all the courts in Michigan, Texas, Arizona, California and in the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Parker believes thoroughly in the principles of brotherhood as set forth in the creed of the Masonic order and is a member of the commandery in Monroe as well as of the chapter.

Inasmuch as the splendid success achieved by Mr. Parker has been entirely the outcome of his own unaided efforts, it is the more gratifying to contemplate. As a young man, after the death of his father, he had to work hard in order to help support his mother and the younger children. When he decided to study law, he not only had to earn his own way through college but had a wife and two small children to support besides. During his vacation he was employed as a clerk in a dry goods store and he did various odd jobs in order to earn the money needed to supply the family with food and himself with tuition and books. He claims his success in life is largely due to the cheerful and encouraging words of a devoted and loving wife, who was ever ready with cheering words when the way looked dark and dreary. The foregoing summary of Mr. Parker's public service is ample proof of his deep and sincere interest in community affairs. He ever supported measures and enterprises projected for the good of the general public and has always been willing to lend a helping hand to those less fortunately situated in life than himself. He is a citizen of whom any community might well be proud and he is accorded the unalloyed confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens of Monroe.

On the 8th of September, 1863, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Parker and Miss Frances C. Reynolds, of South Amherst, Lorain county, Ohio. Five children have been born to them, and three of these children are now living, all of them being practicing physicians of note. Dr. Hal M. Parker is located at Monroe, Michigan; Dr. Thad N. Parker practices his profession in Grand Junction, Colorado; and Dr. Dayton L. Parker is located in the city of Detroit. Dr. Dayton Parker, former police surgeon of Detroit, is Burton Parker's brother.

PHILIP W. GODFREY. Americans are beginning to realize the moral as well as the historical significance of genealogical foundations. A

nation which relies upon the record of its homes for its national character cannot afford to ignore the value of genealogical investigation as one of the truest sources of patriotism. The love of home inspires the love of country. There is a wholesome influence in genealogical research that cannot be over-estimated. Moreover, there is a deep laid thread of human interest in it.

The emigrant ancestor of the Godfroy family in America was James J. Godfroy, great-great-grandfather of him whose name introduces this review. He was born and reared in France, where his son Gaberal was likewise born and whence they emigrated to America. Settlement was made in the city of Detroit, Michigan, and they became prominent among the pioneer French families of that place. James J. Godfroy, son of Gaberal Godfroy and father of Philip W. Godfroy, was born in Detroit in 1802, and he died in Monroe, Michigan, in 1847, at the age of forty-five years. He married Victoria Navarre, who was born in Monroe county, Michigan, on January 2, 1800, and who died in 1879 at the venerable age of eighty years. They were the parents of eleven children, whose names are here entered in the respective order of their birth: John; Lewis C.; Frederick C.; Theo S.; Hillary; Philip W., of this sketch; Augusta F.; Celestine, deceased; Alexandria, also deceased; Victoria R.; and Mary Therese, the last named now being a resident of the city of Chicago.

Philip W. Godfroy received his educational training in the public schools of Monroe county, Michigan, where his birth occurred on December 17, 1834. At the age of sixteen, having acquired a good knowledge of the common branches, he assumed the duties of teacher of a district school in Exeter township, this county, and for a number of terms he continued to teach. In the summer months he worked on his father's farm, and he was engaged in farm work at intervals up until he reached the age of thirty years. It was at that age that he enlisted in the Union ranks for service in the Civil war. On February 29, 1864, he became a member of the Ninth Michigan Volunteer Cavalry, in Company D, and was soon thereafter ordered to the front, where he saw much active service. He filled various positions in his company from private to orderly sergeant, and at one time had command of Company F. He participated in a number of the most important battles and skirmishes that marked the progress of the long and unhappy struggle, and had many a thrilling experience. On one occasion a comrade named Peter Plumb, who was very much frightened, instead of shooting at the enemy, discharged his gun directly under Mr. Godfroy's ear. This accidental shot greatly impaired Mr. Godfroy's hearing in later life. He served throughout the war with the utmost gallantry and faithfulness and received his honorable discharge from the army in July, 1865, when he returned to his mother's farm, in the city of Monroe, there engaging in diversified agriculture and the raising of high grade live stock. In 1866 he left the old Godfroy homestead in the city of Monroe, and for a time was engaged as clerk for the Bruckner Hardware Company in the city. In 1882 Mr. Godfroy became collector for the city and continued in that office until 1893, performing his duties in the most efficient and satisfactory manner. In more recent

years he has lived virtually retired from active participation in business affairs, merely giving a general supervision to his own personal affairs.

On June 18, 1861, Mr. Godfroy married Miss Euphemia Cicotte, a daughter of Capt. John Baptiste Cicotte, who was an officer in the War of 1812 and was likewise of French descent. They became the parents of the following children: Ida, who is the wife of Philip D. Mann, of Chicago, Illinois; Victoria, who married Thomas Feely, now deceased, Joliet, Illinois; Dorothy C., who is a teacher in the eighth grade school in Monroe, Michigan; Alice S., statistician in the University of Wisconsin; Lola remains in the parental home; Isaac P., of the firm of Godfroy & Hoffman, tobacco merchants; Bernard T., who is employed as chief accountant for the Michigan Central Railroad Company at Monroe, Michigan; and Philip MacClellan, who is construction foreman for the Michigan State Telephone Company.

Mr. Godfroy is a staunch Republican in his politics, and has served his city in public office on more than one occasion, always proving himself a citizen of the highest caliber and a man in whom any trust might be reposed. He retains a deep and sincere interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by his membership in Joseph R. Smith Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He and his family are devout members of the Catholic church. Although seventy-eight years of age, Mr. Godfroy retains in their pristine vigor the splendid mental and physical faculties of the prime of his life, and he holds the enviable reputation of never having drunk intoxicating liquors, chewed or smoked tobacco, or used blasphemous language. He is a fine old man, kindly and genial in his relations with his fellow beings, and one who commands the unalloyed confidence and esteem of all men with whom he comes in contact.

ADDISON E. DUNBAR. It may consistently be said that in Monroe county not to know Judge Dunbar is virtually to argue oneself unknown, for he has been a prominent figure in public affairs during the course of many years, has served in various offices of distinctive trust, including that of judge of the probate court, and in all the relations of life he has so comported himself as to justify emphatically the unqualified esteem in which he is held in his native county. He was born in this county prior to the admission of Michigan as one of the sovereign commonwealths of the federal Union and is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of this favored section of the Wolverine State. Now venerable in years, he remains a revered citizen of the county which has ever been his home, and, surrounded by hosts of friends, he finds in the gracious twilight of his life that his lines are indeed "cast in pleasant places." Long known as one of the loyal and representative citizens of Monroe county, he is eminently entitled to specific recognition in this publication.

Judge Addison Edwin Dunbar was born in Bedford township, Monroe county, Michigan, on the 9th of January, 1835, and is a son of William and Mercy (Aldrich) Dunbar, who came to Michigan from the state of Massachusetts and settled in Bedford township, this county, in the year 1832, about five years prior to the admission of the state to the

Union. They were numbered among the early settlers of the township mentioned and there the father reclaimed from the wilderness a productive farm, the while he became a man of prominence and influence in the community. His character was the positive expression of a strong and noble nature and he was not only qualified for leadership in thought and action but was also one to whom came as a natural result the implicit confidence and esteem of those with whom he came in contact in the varied relations of life. He continued to maintain his home in Bedford township until he removed to Monroe township, where his death occurred when he was about sixty-four years of age, and his cherished and noble wife passed to eternal rest when about eighty-one years of age, she having been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were of stanch Scotch ancestry and both families were founded in America in the colonial days. William and Mercy A. Dunbar became the parents of four sons and three daughters, and of the number the subject of this review is now the only survivor. The parents contributed their quota to the civic and material development of Monroe county and their names merit enduring place on the roster of the honored pioneers of the state of Michigan.

The second in order of birth in the family of seven children, Judge Dunbar was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm, and thus he early gained fellowship with strenuous toil and endeavor, the while he attended the somewhat primitive district schools during the winter terms, when his services were not in requisition in connection with the work of the home farm. He thus waxed strong in mind and body and his ambition was early quickened with desire for broader education and a wider sphere of endeavor than that afforded on the farm. At the age of seventeen years, therefore, he entered the old-time Michigan Central College, at Spring Arbor, Jackson county, an institution which at that time had excellent rank. He defrayed the expenses of his college course by arduous work during the vacations and at such times as he could secure aside from his studies. Impaired health compelled his retirement from college before he had completed the full curriculum, and thereafter he began the study of surveying, with the idea of making this his vocation. For two years he was employed by the government in connection with surveying work in Michigan, and within this time were completed the surveys which settled the disputed boundaries between Michigan and the Dominion of Canada at Sault Ste. Marie, his work in this connection having been under the direction of Thomas Whelpley, who did much civil engineering in Michigan in the early days. At the age of twenty-two years Judge Dunbar was elected county surveyor of Monroe county, and after retaining this office for two terms he again identified himself with agricultural pursuits, but his personal popularity and recognized ability soon brought to him other official preferment, with the result that he continued an incumbent of public office almost continuously from his early manhood until he retired from that of judge of the probate court, at the age of sixty-six years. His has been a remarkable record of effective public service in his native county, and his fidelity to every trust, his genial and kindly nature and his spirit of helpfulness have retained to him during the long years an inviolable place in the affectionate regard of the people of Monroe county.

Judge Dunbar served several terms as justice of the peace of Bedford and Monroe townships; was superintendent of the poor in Monroe county for six years; was school inspector for fourteen years; was township and county drain commissioner for one year; and for the long period of twenty-four years he served as township clerk—twelve years in Bedford township and an equal period in Monroe township. He has ever accorded a stalwart allegiance to the Democratic party, and he has twice served his native county as representative in the state legislature, to which he was elected from the first district of the county in 1884. In 1886 he was chosen as his own successor and on each occasion he received a majority which eminently indicated his popularity in his home county. He proved a zealous and valued working member of the legislature and received the unanimous vote (42) of his party for speaker; was influential in the effecting of much legislation that was of lasting benefit to his constituent county and also to the state at large. In the autumn of 1888 he was elected judge of the probate court of Monroe county and incidentally resigned the office of township clerk. He retained this important judicial office for twelve consecutive years, marked by most careful and effective service, and retired from the same in 1901. Concerning him the following pertinent statement has been made: "In all his official career he has so conducted the affairs of his office as to win the confidence and esteem not only of his partisan friends but also of all others with whom he has been brought in contact."

Judge Dunbar has been actively affiliated with the Masonic fraternity for fifty years and has been an appreciative student of its history and exalted teachings. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Russell Lodge No. 144, Free and Accepted Masons, at Lambertville, this county, and he served two years as senior deacon of the same, after which he was its secretary until his removal to the city of Monroe, in 1871, when he was demitted from his original lodge and became affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 27, in which he has since held membership and in which he has held every official chair except those of master and tyler. In 1873 he became a member of River Raisin Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, and Monroe Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar. He was secretary of his chapter for five years and king for two years, besides having filled subordinate offices, and he has served as recorder and warden of his commandery, as well as treasurer of all three Masonic bodies with which he is identified. From a previously published estimate of the character and services of Judge Dunbar are taken the following extracts, which are deemed well worthy of perpetuation in this connection:

"In his entire life Judge Dunbar has shown the trait of personally seeing to everything committed to his charge and not leaving it to subordinates, the while the faithfulness with which he has attended to his work is shown by the oft-repeated times his fellow citizens have given the verdict 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant,' by again electing him to office of public trust. In addition to his official duties he has for many years acted as administrator and executor of estates, and every trust thus reposed in him has received his most earnest

attention and faithful care, showing his determination and zeal in the conservation of the interests confided to him." The judge is a man of fine physique and most gracious personality and his well ordered life has enabled him to retain the vigor of a man many years his junior. Since his retirement from the office of probate judge he has given his attention principally to miscellaneous business and agriculture, but after years of earnest and effective endeavor he has virtually resigned the more onerous and exacting labors which were so long his portion, and is living in well earned retirement in his attractive home in Monroe. He is the owner of valuable farm property in his native township and his earnest and well ordered endeavors in the past have not denied to him a competency for the evening of his long and honorable career as one of the world's noble army of workers. Mrs. Dunbar and children belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

In Bedford township, on the 31st of March, 1858, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Dunbar to Miss Caroline Osgood, who was born and reared in this county, where her parents, Theophilus and Roxa (Brightman) Osgood, settled in the pioneer days. The loving and devoted companionship of Judge and Mrs. Dunbar continued for more than half a century, and the great loss and bereavement of his life came when the noble wife and mother was summoned to eternal rest, on the 19th of February, 1911. Her life was gentle and gracious, and her memory will ever be revered by those who came within the sphere of her influence. Concerning the children of Judge and Mrs. Dunbar the following brief record is entered in conclusion of this sketch: William, who was born October 27, 1858, is one of the merchants of Bedford township, of which he served as treasurer for several years; Addison Emmett, who was born October 7, 1859, is bookkeeper and teller in the Monroe County Savings Bank; Charles, who was born July 21, 1861, died on the 24th of December, 1863; Mercy Blanche, who was born September 4, 1865, and who served as clerk in the office of the probate court during the regime of her father and his predecessor, is now wife of Sherman Hendershot, a farmer of Raisinville township, this county; Grace Atilda, who was born December 29, 1866, is now wife of Dr. M. J. Moyer, of Monroe, Michigan; and Edwin Morris, who was born January 24, 1870, is farming the homestead in Monroe township.

WILBUR F. ILGENFRITZ, fourth son of I. E. Ilgenfritz, was born in Monroe, June 21, 1858. He is president of the I. E. Ilgenfritz' Sons Company. At the age of nineteen he became salesman for the concern with which he has been identified from his youth to the present time. Broad minded and public spirited, Wilbur F. Ilgenfritz is one of the staunch business men of Monroe.

He is a loyal supporter of the Republican party, and is a member of the time honored Masonic fraternity, in which he has affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons; River Raisin Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; and Monroe Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar, all in his home city, besides which he holds membership in Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the city of Detroit.

On the 7th day of March, 1893, Mr. Ilgenfritz was united in marriage to Alice Venning, daughter of the late Rev. James Venning, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. Ilgenfritz have two children, Mary V., who was educated in the public schools of Monroe, and James Isreal Eply, who was named for his two grandfathers, and who is a member of the Detroit University School.

LEANDER FIX, of Frenchtown township, Monroe county, Michigan, is well and favorably known throughout his section of the country as an honest and upright man, and as one who might be trusted implicitly in any dealings calling for the exercise of honor and integrity. He is held in the greatest respect by his friends and acquaintances and is known as a successful man who has not only prospered himself, but as one who has aided in the growth and prosperity of the community wherein he has resided. Mr. Fix has always evinced the most praiseworthy interest in local affairs, a fact which is eloquently evidenced by the many offices he has held, and he has lent his time and money to public projects that probably could not have been consummated without his generous and whole-souled aid and interest.

Born and reared on a farm in Frenchtown township, Leander Fix is the son of Monrade and Mary U. (Heisler) Fix, the father being born in France and coming to America as a boy of ten years. Monrade Fix was the son of Joseph and Catherine (Suiter) Fix, natives of Germany and France, respectively, and he was born in 1817 and died after a long and singularly useful life on July 12, 1897. Monrade and Mary U. (Heisler) Fix became the parents of a goodly family of nine sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to years of manhood and womanhood. Leander, the subject of this review, was the fifth child of his parents and, like the others, was reared on the Frenchtown farm, receiving his education in the public schools of the community. He left school, however, when he was about fourteen years of age and thereafter continued in the work of the home farm. Always a hard working and conscientious boy he early became the most valuable assistant to his father in the work of the home place, and with advancing years in his youth he learned the surveying business. He remained for the most part with his father until he had reached the age of twenty-six, when he took up his present occupation as a contractor for mason and carpenter work, in which he has continued with a pleasing measure of success and prosperity.

On November 23, 1875, Mr. Fix married Josephine Steiner, who was born in Ash township in 1857, and in that same year Mr. Fix started work on his home, doing all the work with his own hands. They moved into the new place in that winter and have continued to reside there throughout the passing years, never once changing their residence. Four children have been born to them: Abraham; Ferdinand, who is unmarried; Edwin, who married Mary Wickenheiser; and Benjamin, whose wife was Alice Martineau. Mr. and Mrs. Fix have two grandchildren, one the son of Edwin, and the other the son of Benjamin.

Mr. Fix is a Democrat and has been more or less active in the political work of the community which has been his home during his life

thus far. He has served in various public offices and is now a director of the school board. He is the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of land in Frenchtown township, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of his community.

A member of the Roman Catholic church, he is a communicant of St. Michael's church at Monroe, Michigan, and is a faithful adherent to the faith of his fathers. He is also a member of the Grange and is one of the oldest members in this locality. It was due to the generosity of Mr. Fix that the local Grange found it possible to erect their building at the time when they did, Mr. Fix advancing the money and permitting the society to reimburse him as they found it convenient. This attitude of generosity and public spiritedness is one which has ever characterized the every-day life of Mr. Fix, and has marked him as one of the real leaders in his community, and it is to such men as he that the splendid progress of this county in the past quarter century is mainly due.

CARL S. KIBURTZ. One of the citizens of the younger generation at Monroe is Carl S. Kiburtz, who is here filling the office of assistant cashier of B. Dansard & Son's State Bank, one of the important financial institutions of Monroe county. Mr. Kiburtz is loyal and public spirited in his civic attitude and is ever on the alert to do all in his power to advance the best interests of the community in which he resides.

Carl S. Kiburtz is a son of Conrad and Christine (Kressbach) Kiburtz, both of whom were born and reared in Monroe county, being representatives of old pioneer families in this section of the state. The father was engaged in the retail liquor business during the major portion of his active career and he is now residing at 162 Fourth street, this city. Mr. Kiburtz, of this notice, received his primary educational training in the Zion Lutheran parochial school and in the public schools of Monroe. Subsequently he pursued a commercial course in the Monroe Business University, in which he was graduated in 1903. After leaving school he worked for H. Hick's Sons and the Monroe Gas & Electric Company, remaining with the latter concern for a period of eleven months. In 1905 he was proffered and accepted a position with B. Dansard & Son's State Bank and was later promoted to assistant cashier. He is a stockholder in the bank.

In 1910 Mr. Kiburtz was married to Miss Louise Shepherd, a daughter of Elisha and Nettie Shepherd, of Monroe. In politics Mr. Kiburtz is a stalwart Republican but he has never held any public office. He is a member of Zion Lutheran church and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with a number of representative organizations of a local character. The Kiburtz home is at No. 261 Cass street.

WILLIS M. HANSBERGER. In business and in agriculture and stock raising the name Hansberger has been prominently known in Monroe county for more than forty years. Since 1899 one of the leading grocery and meat markets of Monroe has been that of Willis M. Hansberger, on East Third street. He has built up a large trade, is a successful business man, and is one of the citizens who take a public-spirited interest in the development and prosperity of this city.

Mr. Hansberger was born near Lindsay in Sandusky county, Ohio, August 25, 1871, but has lived in Monroe county practically all his life. His grandfather, Joel Hansberger, of German descent, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, whence he moved to Fairfield county, Ohio, in 1838, and there became a substantial farmer and stock dealer and raiser.

Eli and Margaret (Skinner) Hansberger, the parents of the Monroe merchant, moved with their children from Ohio to Monroe county in 1871. The father, who was born in Fairfield county, April 8, 1842, has throughout his active career followed the business of his father, farming and the raising and shipping of stock. For many years he engaged in this vocation on his farm in Monroe county, and was one of the best known stock buyers and shippers in this vicinity. He is now a resident of the city of Monroe, where he gives most of his time to dealing in city and country real estate. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Rosella, Ivan, Charles C., Willis M., Cora, Ella, Barkly, Almon E., deceased; and F. I. LaVerne.

Willis M. Hansberger was reared a farmer boy, and was sent to the district school during the winter and assisted in the farm work during the summer. This was the sum of his life activities until he became of age, when he engaged in farming on his own account. In 1899 he moved to the city of Monroe, where he established the business which has since been so successfully conducted under his name. His ability and energy have made him one of the prosperous merchants of this city.

Mr. Hansberger was married in 1894 to Miss Carrie Saum, a daughter of Severin Saum, of this county. Their city residence is at 801 Third street. Mr. Hansberger is one of the prominent local Democrats. He has been a member of the Monroe City central committee and has served as delegate in a number of conventions.

MAJOR JAMES G. MACBRIDE was born in August, 1844, and is the son of James MacBride, who was an early settler in Monroe, and an active and enterprising business man who enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens. He was elected sheriff of the county in 1844 and in 1846, succeeding himself in the office a second and third time in 1850 and 1852, discharging the duties of his office in a manner wholly satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. MacBride was commissioned by Governor Ransom of the state of Michigan as captain of the Montgomery Guards, a company of dragoons enlisted for the war with Mexico. Peace, however, was declared before the company left the state. The mother of Major MacBride was Lucille Lafontains, the daughter of one of the prominent French families who were residents of the River Raisin district at an early day.

Major MacBride received his education at the public and private schools in Monroe, Michigan, and was graduated from the high school just prior to the breaking out of the Civil war. He entered the service promptly, enlisting in Company B of the Fifteenth Michigan Infantry. He was soon after commissioned as second lieutenant and later as first lieutenant and adjutant of the regiment. The regiment left the state for active service on March 27, 1862, and reached Pittsburg Landing on

April 5th following. The battle of Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing occurred the next day. The regiment was in the thickest of the fight and lost a large number of officers and men. In October of 1862 Major MacBride was commissioned as captain in the Ninth Michigan Cavalry, and early in '63 the regiment was ordered to Kentucky and during the Morgan raid was engaged almost daily with his force. On June 10th Major MacBride in command of a portion of the regiment encountered a portion of Morgan's force, and after a severe engagement succeeded in driving him from the field. The regiment was later sent to Tennessee and was with Burnside in the memorable siege of Knoxville, and immediately after that joined Sherman's army, then moving on to Atlanta. The regiment took part in all of the engagements up to the capture of Atlanta, and was then assigned to General Kilpatrick's division in the march to the sea. Major MacBride was commissioned as major at this time. The regiment was engaged in fifty-seven battles and skirmishes. The adjutant-general of Michigan in his report in referring to Major MacBride says: "He was with his regiment in every engagement in which it took part."

Major MacBride was married in 1871 to Miss Annie Perkins, the daughter of Commodore A. D. Perkins, an old resident of Monroe. He is now living in Grand Rapids, and is secretary and manager of the Nelson Matter Furniture Company, one of the oldest and largest furniture manufacturing institutions in the United States.

DANIEL C. SCHOLL was born in Huron county, Ohio, on the 29th of December, 1857, and came to Michigan with his parents in 1864, residing in Raisinville until 1899. Removing to Monroe in this year, he took into partnership Daniel C. Rath, forming the firm of Scholl & Rath, and purchased the Waterloo Mills from the late Charles Johnson. The mills were remodeled and placed in first class condition, Mr. Scholl being the present head of this prosperous firm.

Mr. Scholl was twice married. In 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Rauch, of Erie, Michigan, who died in 1892. Of this union there were two sons, Franklin B., of Monroe, and Raymond E., of San Antonio, Texas. In 1903 Mr. Scholl was married to Miss Emma Moyer, of Bedford, Michigan, and has one son, Delmar M., who is at present six years of age.

Mr. Scholl has always been a Republican in politics, and has held several township offices, and is at present alderman of the First ward of the city of Monroe.

THE WATERLOO MILLS, in the city of Monroe, are now owned and operated by the firm of Scholl & Rath. The present firm have owned this historic property since 1899, when they purchased the same from the estate of the late Charles Johnson. The mills were forthwith remodeled throughout, and the latest modern type of machinery was installed, making the equipment of the highest standard. The improved roller system and modern separators make it possible to turn out products of the highest grade, and the capacity of the fine plant is for the output of one hundred barrels of flour daily. The products not only have a large

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local demand, but a substantial wholesale trade is controlled in Toledo, Ohio, and Detroit, Michigan, and in numerous towns throughout southern Michigan and northern Ohio, the while the volume of business is constantly expanding under the progressive and effective management of the present firm, the junior member of which is Daniel C. Rath, who is a practical miller of broad experience. The Waterloo Mills occupy the site of one of the first grist mills erected in Monroe county—indeed in all southern Michigan. Here an old-fashioned buhr mill was erected in 1820, fully sixteen years prior to Michigan's admission to statehood, and this original mill was operated by water power derived from the main stream of the River Raisin through a race. The old mill continued in operation for many years, and on the same site was erected the present large and substantial mill building, which is likewise operated by water power. In 1904 Scholl & Rath constructed a modern concrete dam in the River Raisin, and thus is afforded ample water power, not only for the operation of the Waterloo Mills throughout the entire year, but also for the operation of some other manufactories in the immediate vicinity, including the Monroe Woolen Mills. The firm does a general custom business in the manufacture of wheat, corn, rye, buckwheat flours and mill feed, and the concern is one of the stanch and valued agencies in upholding the commercial prestige of Monroe, while the mills themselves constitute one of the historic landmarks of the county, as on the site a mill has virtually been in continuous operation for more than ninety years. Both of the interested principals are practical millers and alert, progressive men.

GEORGE BARCLAY MCCALLUM, M. D. In the history of every community the medical profession has played a not inconspicuous part. Trained to meet grave emergencies with presence of mind, to observe closely, to decide promptly and to act unhesitatingly, the physician gains and holds a place in the esteem of the people that grows deeper and broader as years are added to his residence.

George Barclay McCallum is of Scotch parentage and descended from one of the old and representative families in Oakland county. His father, John McCallum, was born in the north of Scotland in 1818, removing to near Paisley in Renfrewshire when a small child, and here he was reared and educated. Early in life he learned the trade of a tanner with an elder brother with whom he was connected in business for fourteen years. In 1850 he married Marion Lawson of Abbey Parish, Renfrewshire, and almost immediately set out for America, being accompanied by his brother and family and grandmother. The voyage lasted a month and they landed at New York May 20, 1850. After being employed in the East for four years John McCallum removed in 1854 to Ann Arbor, Michigan, five years later removing to Pontiac which has been the home of the family ever since, now more than half a century. Six children have been born to them, John and Margaret, born in New York, dying in infancy; George Barclay, born October 5, 1855, and Archibald, born January 5, 1858, at Ann Arbor; and Marion, 1860, and Edward, 1862, at Pontiac, the latter two dying in infancy.

George Barclay began his education in Pontiac. He was an earnest

and indefatigable student, although scholastic ambition in his case had to contend against physical infirmities, he being never of rugged health in his childhood. At nineteen he graduated from the Pontiac high school with strong hopes of taking a college course. He matriculated at the University of Michigan and imprudently undertook to carry double work with the inevitable result of a physical breakdown that necessitated a couple of years of rest. In 1877 having to some extent recovered and in the meantime having definitely determined to carry out a long cherished plan to study medicine, he again entered the university in the medical department, reading during vacation with Dr. F. B. Galbraith, of Pontiac. He graduated in 1880.

His aim had been to fit himself for a post as surgeon in the navy of the United States; but a better insight into some conditions which would surround him there caused him to abandon the idea and to determine to enter upon the general practice of his profession. In the fall of 1880 he went to Jersey City, New Jersey, and there began his professional career, taking advantage of his propinquity to Columbia College to enter himself as a post graduate student in special courses in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the medical department of Columbia. Here he graduated in the spring of 1881; and not being especially pleased with his location in Jersey City returned to Michigan. It was about this time that Dr. Isaac E. Brown, one of the physicians of Monroe, was appointed to a professorship in one of the medical colleges of Detroit, and was preparing to remove to that city. Dr. McCallum had come to Monroe with the intention of entering upon the practice of his profession here, and arranged to take over Dr. Brown's office, which he did in September, 1881.

Since that time Dr. McCallum has devoted himself to the study and practice of his profession in the city of Monroe and the surrounding country. The habits of study which marked his youth are the fixed habit of his manhood and despite a large practice in which more than ordinary measure of success has been his, he has kept at all times abreast with every advance in his profession.

He was married on November 24, 1886, to Miss Minnie A. Bentley, daughter of A. R. Bentley.

HENRY R. AUSTIN. A scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Michigan, with whose annals the name has been identified since the territorial epoch in its history, Henry Root Austin, who maintains his home in Monroe and who is identified with the governmental railway-mail service, has had a career of somewhat eventful order and is a man who has ever merited and received the unequivocal confidence of those with whom he has come in contact in the varied relations of life. He is now one of the venerable citizens of Monroe county, which has been his home for many years, and here he commands secure vantage place in the esteem of all who know him. He represented his native state as a valiant soldier of the Union in the Civil war and he has ever stood exponent of loyal and progressive citizenship, the while he has been influential in public affairs, in connection with which he was accorded official preferment as postmaster of Monroe. He is a man of fine intellectual attainments and, familiar with Michigan history since the early pioneer days, his fund of reminiscences is most varied and interesting, implying

familiarity with the various stages of civic and industrial development and progress in the great commonwealth which he is proud to claim as the place of his nativity.

Mr. Austin was born in the village of Napoleon, now known as Norvell, in Jackson county, Michigan, and the date of his birth was September 22, 1834. He is a son of Harvy and Jane (Root) Austin, the former of whom was born and reared in the state of New York and the latter was a native of Massachusetts, from whence her parents came to Ohio when she was a child. Harvy Austin came to Michigan in 1824, more than a decade prior to the admission of the state to the Union, and he first settled in Ann Arbor, the university city having at that time been a mere hamlet. He finally removed to Jackson county, where he became a successful agriculturist, as well as a pioneer merchant and tanner. There he accumulated a landed estate of 320 acres, much of which he reclaimed from the forest wilds, and he continued to reside in that county until 1854, when he came with his family to Monroe county and purchased a farm in Monroe township. Here he continued to devote his attention to diversified farming and stock-growing during the residue of his active career and here his death occurred in 1866. His wife long survived him and passed the closing years of her life at Bronville, New York, where she died in 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. Both were devout members of the Presbyterian church and in politics the father was originally a Whig and later a Republican. Of the children, three sons and two daughters attained to maturity, and of the number none are now living. Harvy Austin was a man of strong individuality and sterling character—one who contributed his quota to the development and upbuilding of the state of Michigan and one whose name merits enduring place on the roll of its honored pioneers.

Henry Root Austin, whose name initiates this review, was reared to the sturdy discipline of the pioneer farm and gained his early education in the common schools of his native county. After attending the district schools during the winter terms and later the village schools of Norvell, he proved himself eligible for pedagogic honors. He taught in the country schools of Jackson county for four winter terms and then returned to Norvell, where he continued his studies in the public schools for the ensuing three years. He was then matriculated in the University of Michigan, but he soon afterward subordinated all other interests to tender his services in defense of the Union. He enlisted on the 15th of August, 1862, as a private in Company H, Eighteenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and with which he continued in service until the 26th of August, 1863, when he was commissioned first lieutenant in a regiment of United States colored troops, with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee. He served in this capacity for two and one-half years, at the expiration of which he was tendered an honorable discharge, on account of seriously impaired health. He waived the discharge, however, and resigned his lieutenantancy in February, 1865, being afterward appointed to a position in the United States Christian Commission to distribute supplies. He retained this incumbency three months and in the Twenty-third Corps of the United States Army until he returned to his home in Monroe county. Shortly afterward he again entered the University

of Michigan, but was unable to continue on account of ill health. After leaving the university Mr. Austin became a salesman for a West Virginia oil company, which he represented first in New England and New York and later in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Michigan. In 1868, Mr. Austin entered into partnership with Frank H. Hubbard and William H. Boyd, and engaged in the wholesale and retail mercantile business in Monroe, Michigan, under the firm name of Hubbard, Austin & Company. In 1873 he disposed of his interest in this enterprise and entered the railway mail service, with which he thereafter continued to be actively identified for a period of about fifteen years, during the greater portion of which he held a position on the line of the New York & Chicago Railroad between Cleveland and Chicago. In 1891, Mr. Austin was appointed postmaster of Monroe, under the administration of President Harrison, and he retained this office four years, when the incoming Democratic administration rendered him *persona non grata*, with consequent retirement.

After his retirement from the office of postmaster, in which he had given a most acceptable administration, Mr. Austin purchased ten acres of land adjacent to the city of Monroe and instituted the development of the same in the planting and propagation of choice varieties of fruits. The enterprise gave every evidence of becoming a most successful venture, but soon the inroads of the San Jose scale nullified all that had been accomplished, with the result that the promising orchard was virtually obliterated. Under these conditions, in 1899, Mr. Austin again entered the railway mail service, with which he has since been connected and the work of which he greatly enjoys, as he retains the fullest measure of mental and physical vigor, though he has passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten. His run is on the Detroit & Ironton Railroad between Detroit, Michigan, and Bainbridge, Ohio.

As may be inferred from preceding statements, Mr. Austin has ever been a stalwart and effective advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and he had the satisfaction of casting his first vote for its first candidate for the presidency, Gen. John C. Fremont. He has voted for every presidential nominee of the party since that time and his fealty does not waver under conditions which mark political activities at the present time. He has retained a deep interest in his old comrades of the Civil war and is not only affiliated with Joseph R. Smith Post, No. 76, Grand Army of the Republic, in his home city, of which organization he served as past commander one year, and chaplain for six years, but he also holds membership in the Michigan commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. Mr. Austin has been a member of the Presbyterian church for more than sixty years and both he and his wife have been most zealous in the various departments of church work. He has been elder of the church of this denomination in Monroe for twenty-nine years and has also given effective service as superintendent of its Sunday-school. He and his noble wife are well known in the county that has so long represented their home, and here their circle of friends is coextensive with that of their acquaintances.

On the 24th of June, 1869, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Austin to Miss Eliza King Isham, who was born and reared in Monroe and whose father, Hiram King Isham, was one of the honored pioneers

and influential citizens of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Austin have had no children, but have reared in their home ten boys and ten girls, to whom they have given true parental affection and to whom they have given excellent advantages, their kindness having been well repaid in the filial devotion of these foster children.

WALTER H. GREENING. Among the prominent and influential citizens of the younger generation at Monroe, Michigan, Walter H. Greening is achieving remarkable success in business life as superintendent and general manager of the Greening Nursery Company. He is loyal and public spirited in his civic attitude and his success in life has been on a parity with his well directed efforts.

A native of Monroe, Michigan, Walter H. Greening was the eldest son of his parents, George A. and Mary E. (Harpst) Greening, both of whom were likewise natives of Monroe. George A. Greening was born in 1857, and passed his boyhood in Monroe. Here he received his education and here he entered the business world as an assistant to his father, John C. W. Greening. See sketch of John Greening elsewhere in this work. The latter was a native of Germany and was the founder of the nursery business in Monroe, Michigan. His son, George A., therefore had the finest kind of training for the work which was to be his henceforth. Upon attaining his majority he became a member of the firm of Greening Brothers, and he was a powerful factor in building up a large business. He continued in the nursery business until he retired, and he is now devoting his time to the cultivation and beautifying of his extensive gardens in the South.

Walter H. Greening received his primary educational training in the Lutheran Parochial School and in the public schools of Monroe, thus receiving the broadening influences of two schools so different in type. On leaving the public school he took a course in the Monroe Business College, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1902. After his graduation he went into the grocery business in which he was engaged for some eighteen months, at the expiration of this time becoming interested in the livery business, in which connection he was associated with Herman Navarre, under the firm name of Navarre & Greening. In 1910 he disposed of his share of the livery business and in the following year he engaged in the Greening Nursery business. He continued in this association until January 15, 1912, when he was made general manager of the Greening Nursery Company, and later superintendent of the same company, having under his supervision the growing of trees, as his special care. He has made a thorough study of the various departments of the nursery business, and is now recognized as an expert in the culture of nursery stock as well as in the handling and caring for the same in both summer and winter seasons. The nursery is a very large one and is equipped with all sorts of heating and watering facilities. The cellar is expressly devoted to the caring for trees in the winter time and the selection of fruit trees is of the most hardy type, best adapted to the climatic conditions in the northern states and Middle West.

On the 24th of February, 1905, Mr. Greening was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Venier, of Monroe, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Willet) Venier. Two children, a son, Walter J., and a daughter, Mary T., have been born to this union. Mr. Greening is a member

of the Benevolent, Protective Order of Elks, in which order he has taken a prominent part. He has an attractive home at 556 Fifth street. Mr. Greening is not only well versed in the nursery business but is an active and progressive man, especially in matters relating to the nursery business.

AUGUST TRIQUET. A citizen of note and a shrewd business man at Monroe, Michigan, August Triquet conducts a barber establishment and is an extensive property holder in Monroe county. He was born in Bonleneg, France, January 28, 1849, and is a son of Louis and Mary (Vincet) Triquet, both of whom were representatives of fine old French families. The father was born in the same place as the subject of this review, in 1828, and he received his early educational training in the public schools of his native land. For twenty-five years he was employed in a gas factory in France, and in 1850 he immigrated to the United States, landing in New York City, whence he came to Monroe, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life. He had also learned the cooper's trade while in France and for a time after his arrival in Monroe was engaged in that line of work. His demise occurred in 1909 and his cherished and devoted wife passed away in 1894. They were the parents of four children, namely,—August, the immediate subject of this review; Arthur; Helen, who is the wife of P. H. Martel, of Baltimore, Maryland; and Mary, wife of Arthur Martel, of Bowling Green, Ohio.

August Triquet was educated in the Union school at Monroe and for a time he was a pupil in St. Mary's school. Going to Coldwater, Michigan, he pursued a course in penmanship, and after his return to Monroe he opened a barber shop, which he has continued to conduct during the long intervening years to the present time, in 1912. He has long been interested in real-estate transactions and is doing a great deal in the way of improving his houses and other properties. In all matters of national import Mr. Triquet is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party but in local matters he maintains an independent attitude, preferring to give his support to men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment rather than to vote along strictly partisan lines. He is the owner of a beautiful residence with extensive and well kept grounds, has an up-to-date, well equipped shop and is likewise the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Monroe.

In April, 1868, Mr. Triquet was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Butterworth, of Coldwater, Michigan. Her father was a gallant soldier in the Civil war and was commissioned captain of a Michigan company; he died while in service. Mr. and Mrs. Triquet are the fond parents of three children concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Adelia married L. Sharkey, of Monroe; Fred L. is a barber by business and resides at Decatur, Illinois; and Sadie is the wife of George Martin, of Detroit, where he is manager of the Kern Brothers dry goods establishment.

Mr. Triquet is a man of fine mentality and broad human sympathy. He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable

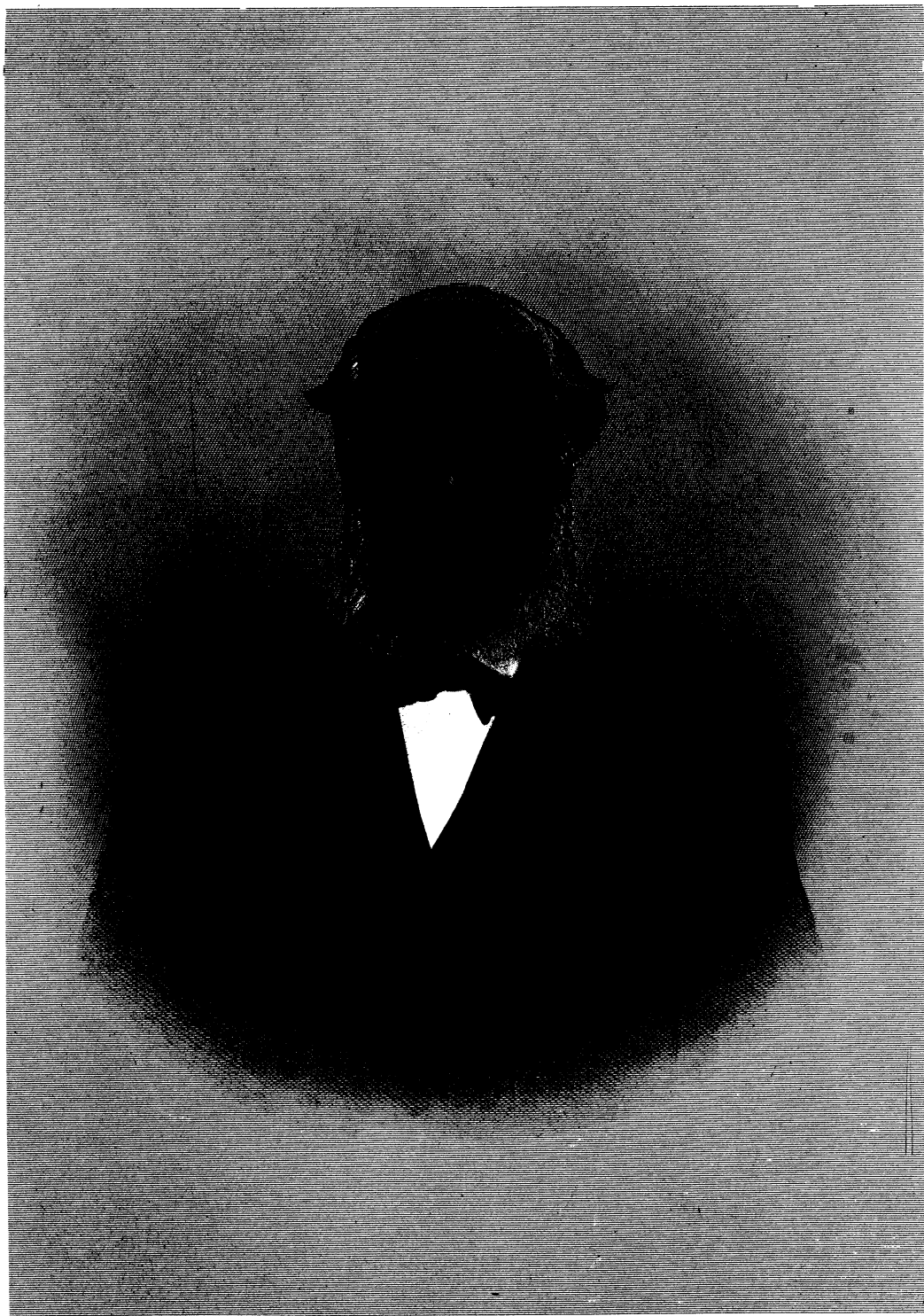
and those who know him personally accord him the highest esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Triquet's lives have been exemplary in all respects and they have ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while their own fine moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

THOMAS I. HANSBERGER. Ideas backed with indefatigable energy,—the desire and power to accomplish big things,—these qualities make of success not an accident but a logical result. The man of initiative is he who combines with a capacity for hard work an indomitable will. Such a man recognizes no such a thing as failure and his final success is on a parity with his well directed endeavors. Through his own efforts Mr. Hansberger has become a business man of note in Monroe, Michigan, where he has resided during the greater part of his active career thus far. He is engaged in the livery business in this city and has a large sales stable at Toledo, where horses of all kinds are sold at auction to business men, farmers and dray men.

Thomas I. Hansberger was born in Raisinville township, Monroe county, Michigan, November 19, 1881. He is a son of Thomas and Emma (Retherford) Hansberger. The senior Hansberger, born in Fairfield county, Ohio, removed to Monroe county about the year 1870 and at that time purchased a farm in Raisinville township, on which he has since resided. His estate is well improved with good buildings and represents one of the best farms in Monroe county. He is one of the leading stockmen in Raisinville township.

Thomas I. Hansberger passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm, in the work and management of which he early began to assist his father. During the winter terms he attended the district schools and for a time was a pupil in the public schools in the village of Strasburg. Later he became a student in the Monroe Business University, in which he was graduated, after which he returned to the home farm and began dealing in stock on his own account. At first his business operations were on a rather small scale and for a time he was associated with L. D. Bennett, of Detroit, in his stock deals. In 1903 he removed to the city of Monroe, where he now devotes his attention to the buying and selling of horses. He also handles livery, dray and carriage horses. In connection with this business he is proprietor of two livery stables in Monroe, which are managed by Adolph W. Krug, under the firm name of Hansberger & Krug. The stables are well equipped with carriages, hacks and a number of horses. Mr. Hansberger purchases most of his horses in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

In 1902 Mr. Hansberger was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Paltier, a daughter of Clark and Dorothy Paltier, old residents of Monroe county. Mr. and Mrs. Hansberger have no children. Their residence is at No. 60 Second street. Fraternally, Mr. Hansberger is affiliated with Monroe Lodge, Knights of Pythias. His interest in political questions is deep and sincere and he gives an earnest support to Republican principles, believing that the platform of that party contains the best elements for good government.



JOSEPH SCHAUB

JOSEPH SCHAUB. In this history of Monroe county and its people there is all of consistency in according a special memorial tribute to the late Joseph Schaub, who was numbered among the honored pioneers of the county, who was a man of strong mentality and vigorous purpose, who achieved independence and prosperity through his well directed endeavors, whose course was ordered upon the highest plane of integrity, and who accounted well to himself and the world in all of the relations of life. He established his home in the embryonic city of Monroe more than seventy years ago and while his life was entirely free from ostentation and dramatic episodes, he contributed in generous measure to the civic and material development and progress of the city and county which long represented his home and in which he gained secure vantage place as a loyal and public-spirited citizen and substantial man of affairs. He continued his residence in Monroe until his death, which here occurred on the 11th of April, 1879, and his name merits enduring place on the roster of the sterling pioneers of Michigan, in which state he took up his abode about three years after its admission to the Union.

Joseph Schaub was born in Fulda, province of Hessen, Germany, on the 20th of March, 1809, and thus his death occurred shortly after he had passed his seventieth birthday anniversary. He was reared and educated in his native land and there learned the trade of tailor, under the careful apprenticeship system there in vogue. In 1837, at the age of twenty-eight years, Mr. Schaub severed the gracious ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to seek his fortunes in America, to which country he came with but nominal financial resources but with a fine equipment in ambition, self-reliance, industrious habits and determined purpose. He made the voyage on a sailing vessel of the type common to that period and landed in the port of New York City, whence he soon proceeded to Buffalo, New York, where he engaged in business on a modest scale, as a merchant tailor. There his marriage was solemnized in the summer of 1838, and in 1840 he removed with his wife and their two children to the new state of Michigan, which at that time was receiving a strong tide of immigration from New York and the New England states. He established his home in the thriving little city of Monroe, which then vied with Detroit as an industrial and commercial center of the vigorous new commonwealth, and here he forthwith engaged in the work of his trade. He became one of the leading merchant tailors of this section of the state and gained high reputation in his chosen vocation, in connection with which he received a substantial and representative patronage and gained prestige as one of the enterprising and valued business men of Monroe. He manifested from the beginning a most lively interest in all that touched the welfare of his home city and county, and on the 15th of November, 1847, he became a naturalized citizen of the United States. He ever afterward exercised his franchise in support of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and was well fortified in his opinions concerning matters of economic and governmental polity. Both he and his wife were most devout communicants of the Catholic church and were zealous and liberal supporters of the various activities of St. Michael's parish. Their first dwelling in Monroe was a house that

stood on a lot contiguous to the site of St. Michael's church, and they found great satisfaction in entertaining in their pleasant home the various Jesuit missionaries who visited Monroe in the early days. This hospitable home was also a favorite rendezvous for the fellow countrymen of Mr. Schaub, and all such were given hearty welcome. This house is still standing and in excellent preservation. It is one of the historic landmarks of Monroe county, is now owned by William Steiner and is maintained as a home for several of Monroe's pioneer citizens of the present day. Thoroughly appreciative of the attractions and advantages of Michigan, Mr. Schaub persuaded many of his countrymen to come to America and establish homes in the Wolverine State, and he was virtually one of the founders of the very considerable German citizenship which became prominent and influential in connection with the development and upbuilding of the city and county of Monroe. He was well known throughout this part of the state, lived a "godly, righteous and sober life," and ever held inviolable place in the confidence and high regard of all who knew him. His character was the positive expression of a strong and loyal nature, and his name well merits a place in the history of Monroe county.

At the time of the Civil war, Mr. Schaub manifested the most ardent loyalty to the Union and did all in his power to aid its cause during that climacteric period in the nation's history. On the 30th of April, 1846, he was appointed, by Gov. Alpheus Felch, to the office of first lieutenant of the Monroe Cass Guards, of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of State Militia. He had received in his native land excellent military training and experience and he thus did much to bring the Cass Guards up to a high standard of tactical efficiency, the command having been named in honor of Gen. Lewis Cass, who was one of the foremost figures in the history of Michigan. At the inception of the Civil war Mr. Schaub was tendered commission as lieutenant colonel of a Michigan regiment, but imperative exigencies and conditions prevented him from entering active military service, with the result that he showed his loyalty by sending a number of his countrymen to the front and looking after the welfare of their families during their absence.

In St. Louis' Catholic church in the city of Buffalo, New York, on the 10th of August, 1838, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Schaub to Miss Magdalena Schmidt, who was born at Oberlauterbach, department of Strassburg, in Alsace, France, on the 28th of July, 1817, and who survived her honored husband by more than a decade. She passed the closing period of her life in the city of Chicago, where, in the home of one of her children, she was summoned to eternal rest on the 11th of May, 1892, her memory being revered by all who came within the sphere of her gracious and gentle influence. Mrs. Schaub was reared and educated in her native land and was a young woman of about eighteen years when she accompanied her parents on their immigration to America. They embarked at Havre de Grace, France, on the 6th of May, 1835, and arrived in the port of New York City on the 28th of the following July. In the national metropolis Mrs. Schaub remained several months with her uncle, Bernard Schmidt, and then she joined



Peter A. Schaub

her father on a farm near Humberstone, Welland county, province of Ontario. She was a daughter of Ignatz Schmidt, who served as first sergeant in the army of the great Napoleon and who was wounded at the battle of Waterloo. In the possession of Frank Schaub is the medal or badge presented to him by Napoleon after this battle and the same is a greatly valued heirloom, as well as a trophy of general historic interest. An uncle of Mrs. Schaub likewise served under Napoleon and while with the army on the way to Moscow, Russia, he was frozen to death by the side of his horse. Mr. and Mrs. Schaub became the parents of ten children, of whom two sons died in infancy. The eldest two children, Katherine and Josephine, were born in the city of Buffalo, and the others who attained to years of maturity were born at Monroe, Michigan, their names being here entered in respective order of birth: Elizabeth, Francis Joseph, William Louis, Peter Anthony, Magdalena and Philip J. Parental memories and associations in connection with the old homes in Europe are shown in the names of the children, several of whom were given cognomens in honor of German and French rulers.

PETER ANTHONY SCHAUB, to whom the publishers are indebted for much of the data for the foregoing memoir of his honored father, is now a resident of the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, and has long been numbered among its representative business men. He was born in Monroe, Michigan, on the 21st of August, 1853, and retains deep interest in his native city and county, which are endeared to him by many gracious associations and hallowed memories. As a boy he attended St. Michael's parochial school, and at the age of fifteen began work with his father, under whom he served a three-year apprenticeship at the tailoring trade. On becoming of age, on January 21, 1876, he left home and was taught the art of cutter by his brother Frank. Subsequently he worked for a tailoring house in Decatur, Illinois, and then took charge of a tailoring department in the house of J. R. Race at Decatur, where he remained until March 17, 1878. At that date he moved to Chicago, and entered the house of Willoughby, Hill & Company, where his brother William L. had started the tailoring department, and under whom he served as assistant cutter. In 1881 he became head cutter, and was made head of the department, his brother having engaged in business for himself. On July 1, 1887, he moved to St. Paul, where his brother Philip was located, and thus established the firm of Schaub Brothers in that city. They have had a career of more than usual success, and their annual trade for some years has been about \$85,000. For more than twenty years the Schaub Brothers of St. Paul have been one of the best known tailoring houses of the northwest.

Mr. Peter A. Schaub during his early years spent in Monroe was a member of the Monroe Light Guards. He also took an active interest in athletic contests and was a member of teams which won many trophies in that city. He also belonged to the boat club there and the Northwestern and Mississippi Valley Rowing Association. In politics Mr. Schaub is independent. He is a member of the Catholic Club

of New York, of the Chicago Athletic Club, the St. Paul Commercial Club, the Elks' Club at St. Paul, the St. Paul Knights of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Catholic church. The firm of Schaub Brothers, of Chicago, at the World's Fair in Chicago won the first prize on their exhibit of a dress suit and a gentleman's driving overcoat. They also took honors on their exhibit at Paris, France, in 1896.

Mr. Peter A. Schaub has furnished some pleasing reminiscent statements concerning old days in Monroe county. These statements, which have an important bearing and interest for readers of this history, are reproduced with certain paraphrase as follows: "In a preceding history of Monroe county, I regret that failure was made to mention the beautiful Egyptian lotus trees that were planted in the pioneer days by Dr. Edward Dorsch on the shores of Plum Creek Bay, Monroe. These are one of the noteworthy attractions of Monroe at the present date, and especially when putting forth their beautiful and fragrant flowers, which are unique in this section of the world. I would also recall, as a matter of historic interest, the old Van Wormer sawmill, since in the same were sawed most of the gunstocks utilized by Michigan troops, as well as by men from other states, in the Civil war. My uncle, Phillip Schaub, who is still living in Monroe, at the venerable age of eighty-eight years, also owned and operated a sawmill at that time, the mill having been situated in the district of the city commonly known as Waterloo. In this mill he sawed walnut logs from which likewise were manufactured many gunstocks for the weapons used in the Civil war. He was the fifth owner of this mill, and thus it is to be inferred that it was established in the eighteenth century. It is virtually certain that this historic old mill represented in its operation the initiation of the great lumber industry in Michigan and other sections of the west. The Ilgenfritz nurseries, at Monroe, were likewise among the first in the west."

It may be noted that on other pages of this work is made due mention of the development of the great nursery industry in Monroe county. His native city being the only Michigan port on Lake Erie, Mr. Peter A. Schaub also writes most appreciatingly concerning the centennial celebration to be given in the present year as a memorial of Perry's famous victory on Lake Erie, September 10, 1813, in the War of 1812.

THE SCHAUB BROTHERS. The tailoring house of Schaub Brothers in St. Paul, under the firm management of two of the Schaub brothers, has been mentioned in preceding paragraphs. In the Mentor building of Chicago is the other firm of Schaub Brothers, importing tailors, and they too occupy a foremost position in their particular line of business.

The Schaub Brothers, both of St. Paul and of Chicago, are representatives and children of the late Joseph Schaub of Monroe. The brothers, Frank, William and Peter, learned the merchant tailoring business from their father in Monroe, and sat on the board to learn the business thoroughly, both in making the garments, as well as cutting them. After several years training Frank and William went to New York City, where they continued their period of preparation in



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a school for cutting, and after that for a number of years were engaged as cutters by several different firms in New York and Boston. Frank Schaub came to Chicago April 1, 1875, to engage as cutter for one of the tailors in that city. In 1879 William also came to Chicago, and in July, 1881, they formed the partnership of Schaub Brothers, which is still in existence. William died in 1896, and Mr. Frank J. Schaub has continued the business under the original name to the present time. After learning his trade from his father, Peter also came to Chicago and acquired the art of cutting from his brother Frank, after which he obtained a position with a Chicago firm as cutter. Philip also came to Chicago, where his brother Frank taught him cutting. He then secured a position as cutter for a St. Paul concern, and in 1887 Peter and Phillip formed the partnership of Schaub Brothers in St. Paul, as described in previous paragraphs. The third generation has now entered the tailoring business. Phillip Schaub has two sons, Carlton and Harold, who have recently entered the business of Schaub Brothers in St. Paul.

PHILLIP SCHAUB. The careers and activities of the younger generation of the Schaub family have been set forth on preceding pages, and also the long and honorable life of the late Joseph Schaub. Special consideration should be shown to the venerable Phillip Schaub, a brother of the late Joseph Schaub, and an uncle to the Schaub Bros., who are so prominent in business in St. Paul and Chicago. Phillip Schaub, who now resides in the city of Monroe, at the venerable age of eighty-eight, was born in Germany May 1, 1825. He came to Monroe during the pioneer period of this city, and has for many years been closely identified with its industrial and civic prosperity. Phillip Schaub is one of the old lumbermen of this city, and in this industry and business he was very active and held a high rank among the leaders of the lumber business in southern Michigan. Mr. Schaub is a member of the St. Michael's church. He married Regina Halbrich. Their marriage was celebrated in the old French church at Monroe. The four children of their marriage were Mary, Kate, Phillip and Annie.

CHARLES L. JONES, D. V. S. The Jones family, of which Charles L., the veterinarian of Monroe, is one of the prominent representatives in this generation, has been identified with Monroe county for many years, and its members have always been known for their useful and honorable lives.

Joseph Jones, the grandfather of Charles L. and founder of this branch of the family in Monroe county, was a native of Pennsylvania and came to southeastern Michigan at an early day. His wife's name was Mary.

F. Arthur Jones, son of the above and father of the doctor, was born in this county and his death occurred in 1885. For many years he was one of the prosperous farmers of Raisinville township, but later bought a farm in Jackson county, which was his home until his death. Besides being a successful farmer, he was a man who closely identified himself with community activities and his leadership and influence were directed to many good ends. He served in public office as township supervisor,

as member of the school board and was tax collector two terms. He and his wife were long active members of the M. E. church, in which he was a trustee and class leader and always took an active part in church work. F. Arthur Jones married Miss Christina Knapp, who also represented one of the old families of the county, her father being Ludwig Knapp. She died in 1905. Besides Dr. Charles L., the other living children are: William H., M. D., a graduate of the University of Michigan and now engaged in practice at Arthur, Illinois; Franklin, also a graduate of the University of Michigan and now practicing medicine in Pottersville, Michigan; Mary L., who is a graduate of the Ypsilanti State Normal and is the wife of Francis Boyd; Myrtle Lorain, a graduate of the Spring Arbor Seminary; and Mattie, a graduate of the State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Charles L. Jones was born on the old home farm in this county, November 26, 1870. During his boyhood on the farm he attended the district school during winter sessions, and later was a student in Spring Arbor. In 1895 he entered the Detroit Veterinary College and was graduated D. V. S. in April, 1897. His practical experience as a farmer has contributed to his success in his profession, and for a number of years he has been one of the leading veterinarians in this section of Michigan. His first year of practice was at Spring Arbor, after which he located in Monroe. His business extends over Monroe and adjoining counties, and he is often called into consultation. In 1909 he erected a horse barn fitted especially for the treatment and care of domestic animals.

April 21, 1898, Dr. Jones was married to Miss Sophia M. Knapp, daughter of Salmon and Catherine (Grassley) Knapp, her father having been one of the early settlers in this county. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of five children: Merle Lorain, Quentin A., Lilly C., Theodore Milton and Marsella C. Dr. Jones is a prominent Mason, having membership in Monroe Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., Raisin River Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

EDWARD DORSCH, for thirty-seven years a practicing physician in the city of Monroe, is a native of Wurzburg, Bavaria, Germany, where he was born January 10, 1822, the son of Francis L. and Elizabeth (Stepf) Dorsch, the former a prominent attache of the Bavarian court, who died in 1825. In 1830, at the early age of eight, Edward Dorsch was sent to a celebrated Catholic institute, where for a number of years he was the only pupil of the Protestant faith. He left that institution in 1840, when he was eighteen years of age, to attend the Munich University, from which he graduated with a diploma in his twenty-third year. By order of the Bavarian government, he was sent to Vienna to perfect his theoretical knowledge by actual practice in the hospitals in that place, and in addition to that course he took up the study of philosophy, botany, natural history and kindred sciences. As active thinker and ready writer, in the spring of 1849 he became an exile from the land of his nativity, the tone of his articles not being in accord with the government in power. With a large number of

emigrants he was driven out by reason of their political faith during the unsuccessful revolution, he acting in the capacity of surgeon.

On his arrival in New York, he was married to Miss Sophia Hartung, who was born in Ingolstadt, Bavaria, Germany, on June 15, 1827, and they lived a happy wedded life until her death in September, 1884. They had one son, who died at the age of eight months. Dr. Dorsch went from New York to Detroit, but in the autumn of that year he learned from one Mr. Bruckner, a prominent German of Monroe, that there was a good opening in that city for a German physician, so he went to Monroe in October, 1849, and made that city his home until his death on his sixty-fifth birthday, January 10, 1887. After the death of his first wife he again married on November 4, 1885, his second wife being Augusta, daughter of Frederick and Fredieka (Korte) Uhl.

From his earliest citizenship Dr. Dorsch was a stanch Republican, and in 1860 was presidential elector from what was then the second district, on the ticket which was headed by Abraham Lincoln. He never took any active part in politics with a view to personal advancement, and steadfastly persisted in refusing all local offices, accepting only for one term an appointment on the state board of education, between November, 1872, and November, 1878. In 1868 he was appointed examining physician for the pension office, which position he held up to the date of his death. During the time he was pension examiner he prepared a draft showing the course and effects of a ball on the human body, which was afterward adopted and is used by the pension department at the present day.

In addition to being a thorough physician and surgeon, Dr. Dorsch was a deep thinker and an able writer from his college days and was much sought for as a correspondent, both in prose and poetry, by weekly and monthly publications. The force of his articles while at Munich and Vienna, and the position he therein took, caused him to be exiled from Bavaria at the close of the German revolution, as is mentioned in a previous paragraph. Shortly after his settlement in Monroe, and perhaps his first literary venture outside of contributions to magazines, was a volume of poems, entitled "*Hirten Briefe an Mein Volk*." Critics have said of this that he was a master of words and handled his subject in a masterly manner. In 1875 he published a pamphlet, "*Parabasen*," and his last work, which appeared in 1884, and was published by the New York International News Company, was named "*Lieder aus der Alten und Neuen Welt*."

Critics speak in terms of the highest praise when reviewing the works of Dr. Dorsch. He was a deep thinker, it has been said; in fact, too deep for the master, as the thinker overruled the poet, and while holding himself to logic of the strictest kind, he did not permit his eyes to rove in beautiful ecstasies. Still, it would be doing him an injustice to say that he did not feel real inspiration, as with the head of a philosopher and the heart of a poet, he worked or blended the two together in the most of his poetical works. Yet, perhaps some of them would have been better had they been written in prose, as in many cases, carried away by inspiration of his theme, throwing his entire

soul into the subject in hand, and with an earnest desire to create in the reader the same determined opposition to slavery and ardent love for freedom which inspired him, his argument and the language was so strong that the verses oftentimes lost their harmony.

As to his last work, "*Lieder aus der Alten und Neuen Welt*," it is characteristic of the man and the poet, and gave scope to powers which were not known, perhaps even to himself, until this opportunity afforded him his chance to use it to the uttermost. To his own keen insight and intense sympathy he owes everything in value to his writings. An ardent lover of books and a just critic in art, he threw his whole soul into his work and showed his innermost thought and feeling until his poems were so beautiful and rich in thought and quaint expression they might almost have been called pictures. They give the inner and outer life of a high minded, fine feeling and warm hearted, talented man, of whom the editor of the "*Deutsche Amerikanische Dichtung*" says: "He was one of the most prominent German-American poets; one of the purest, noblest and worthiest priests, who died while soaring in the zenith of his fame as a poet and writer.

"Were it possible for us to translate into English and preserve the force and expression of the original, we feel that for depth of thought, warmth of feeling and terseness of expression, the writings of Dr. Dorsch would equal those of a Longfellow or a Whittier. In addition to his almost innumerable original poems, covering over forty years and mostly written by the inspirations of nature in his visits to his patients, he had the rare faculty of grasping the idea of the author, and his translations of the English poets into the German tongue are conceded to be masterpieces of art, and will of themselves make his name a shining star in the firmament of German literature. On his death he left a large collection of manuscript poems, which are from time to time published in the different German papers.

"Personally, Dr. Dorsch was of a very retiring disposition. A careful student, he was bound up in his books, and while a great favorite with all who knew him, generous to a fault, yet he had but few intimates;—all his warmest and truest friends were his books. A connoisseur in art, he gathered a fine collection of artistic works, and on his death several thousand volumes of his valuable library were donated by his wife to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor."

JAMES H. TODD, a supervisor of Ida township and one of the representative farmers of the section, is well known and popular in his home town. He is a native Ohioan, born in Crawford county, that state, on January 5, 1868, and is the son of George and Mary (Underwood) Todd. The father, George Todd, was also born in Crawford county and there reared, while the mother was a native of Pennsylvania. They came to Monroe county, Michigan, in 1886, arriving on the 26th day of March. Eight children were born to George and Mary Todd, of which number six are living at this writing.

James H. was the eldest son of the family and he found much to employ himself with in the work of the farm at home. He attended the schools of his native village and later entered the high school at

Bucyrus, Ohio, where he remained for one year, and after which he launched out for himself, working at whatever employment he might find. Eventually he settled in Ida township where he became the owner of a farm of sixty acres in section 22, and which has occupied his attention from then until now. He has prospered with his farming interests, and is one of the leading producers in his district today. He has, in addition to his farming duties, found time to devote to the political affairs of the township, and his fellow townsmen have so far given open recognition of their confidence in his integrity and ability as to place him in the office of supervisor of the township, a post which he has filled in a most creditable manner for the past six years. He is a Republican in his political views, and has taken a leading part in the activities of his town and township in that respect.

On November 6, 1890, Mr. Todd was united in marriage with Miss Adeline Cory, who was born near Sylvania in Lucas county, Ohio, and educated in the schools of her native town. They have had two children, one being now deceased. Ethel A., born January 13, 1892, was educated in the district schools and the Ida high school, from which she was duly graduated in 1911. She is now numbered among the public school teachers of Monroe county.

Mr. Todd is a member of Ida Lodge No. 431, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its auxiliary order, the Rebekahs. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

ALEXANDER TOUSSANT NAVARRE. An old and honored resident of Monroe, living now in the place where he was born, Mr. Navarre represents one of the old families who early settled in Monroe county, and himself has borne an important share in the life of the community, both as a business man and as a public official, and he was also a soldier of the Union during the Civil war.

Alexander Toussant Navarre was born at Monroe, March 8, 1844. The founder of the Navarre family in America was Robert Navarre, who was a descendant from the Henry of Navarre of France. The paternal grandfather was Col. Francis Navarre, who was an officer in the American army during the War of 1812. The father was Joseph G. Navarre, who died July 3, 1862. He had been one of the prominent citizens of Monroe county for many years and was a highly educated man, using both the French and English fluently. His wife, the mother of Alexander T., was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Suzor.

Alexander T. Navarre was reared in Monroe, receiving his education in the city schools, and was little more than a boy when the Civil war came on. During the last year of that war, in January, 1864, he enlisted as a private in the Seventh Michigan Veteran Volunteers. In February of the same year, he was promoted to quartermaster-sergeant, subsequently promoted to first lieutenant, and in November, 1864, was detailed as adjutant of his regiment, serving as such during the remainder of the war. He was honorably discharged at Jeffersonville, Indiana, July 5, 1865.

Mr. Navarre has had a long record as a county and local official. He held the office of county treasurer for four years, 1880, 1881, 1882

and 1883. For twenty-five years he was township clerk and supervisor of the town of Monroe, succeeding to the office of supervisor after a long service as clerk. Mr. Navarre is now adjutant of the Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76, Department of Michigan, G. A. R. He is also a member of Branch No. 13 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Monroe.

On May 6, 1868, in St. Mary's church of Monroe, Mr. Navarre married Marettta A. Peltier, daughter of Ezekiel Peltier and Mary (Ladue) Peltier. Mrs. Navarre was educated in the Boyd Seminary and Convent at Monroe. Their children are as follows: Joseph A. Navarre, born October 22, 1872, now in the electric business at Toledo; George W. C. Navarre, born June 15, 1876, a traveling salesman, whose headquarters and residence are at Detroit; Mary V. Navarre, born February 25, 1882, now the wife of Ben J. Dansard, a banker of Monroe; Edith M. Navarre, born August 18, 1883, who resides at home; and Leo J. Navarre, born March 31, 1885, a banker in Essexville, Michigan.

GEORGE W. STONER. The history of a nation is nothing more than a history of the individuals comprising it, and as they are characterized by loftier or lower ideals, actuated by the spirit of ambition or indifference, so it is with a state, county, or town. Success along any line of endeavor would never be properly appreciated if it came with a single effort and unaccompanied by some hardships, for it is the knocks and bruises in life that make success taste so sweet. The failures accentuate the successes, thus making recollections of the former as dear as those of the latter for having been stepping-stones to achievement. The career of George W. Stoner but accentuates the fact that success is bound to come to those who join brains with ambition and are willing to work. For a number of years past Mr. Stoner has been associated with John Kelting, of Toledo, in the fishing business. He resides at Monroe, in Monroe county, Michigan, and his big catches are made in Lake Erie, the Detroit river and in some of the smaller Canada lakes.

George W. Stoner was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, November 4, 1855, and he is a son of Capt. John Stoner, who was for many years engaged in the passenger and freight business on the Great Lakes. He was captain of many prominent passenger and freight boats, as well as of merchant vessels, during his entire active career. He died in 1903. The maiden name of Captain Stoner's wife was Eliza Devilbiss. She was a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, whence she accompanied her parents to Monroe, Michigan, while still a child. She is still living and is eighty-two years of age. There are three sons, namely: William C., register of deeds of Monroe county; John, of Monroe; and George W., the immediate subject of this review.

To the public schools and the high school of Monroe, Mr. Stoner, of this review, is indebted for his early educational training. At the age of fifteen years he joined his father in the lake service and for a number of years thereafter held various positions on boats of which his father was captain. In 1884 he decided to engage in the fishing business and in that enterprise soon became associated with John Kelting of Toledo,

the Keltings being great wholesale fishing merchants at Toledo. Mr. Stoner in his catch uses the most improved nets of lake make and he utilizes about three launches in the transportation of his fish to market at Toledo, after shipping from five to seven tons of fish of all kinds, including lake sturgeon, white fish, bass, sheephead, bullheads, and perch. Most of his fish are caught in Lake Erie, the Detroit river and some of the small Canada lakes. He has won decided success in the fishing business and is well versed in fishing lore.

In politics Mr. Stoner is a stalwart Republican and while he has never held any public office he is ever on the alert to do all in his power to advance the welfare of his home community. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Monroe Lodge No. 19, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Knights of the Maccabees. In addition to a fine brick residence at 302 First street, he is the owner of several other houses in Monroe, all of which are in good repair and which rent out at good figure. He is regarded as one of the loyal and enterprising citizens of Monroe and as such is accorded the unalloyed confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

In 1882 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stoner to Miss Eliza B. Baker, a native of Vermilion, Ohio, and a daughter of James Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Stoner have seven children, whose names are here recorded in respective order of birth,—Frank, Minnie, George, Maude, John, Margaret and Florence. Frank Stoner is superintendent of the Wilder-Strong Implement Company. In their religious faith the Stoner family are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the different departments of which they are most zealous workers.

JOHN MAURER. For nearly forty years one of the leading contractors and builders in Monroe city and county has been John Maurer, to whose skill and constructive ability a large share of the building business in this locality has been directed. Many of the homes, business blocks, churches and schools in Monroe stand as monuments to his work. St. Mary's College is one of the structures erected by him, and during 1911 and 1912 he built the \$100,000 high school. His work also includes the erection of the city power plant, the Monroe water and gas plant, and many other well known places.

Mr. Maurer has spent nearly all his life in this county, but was born in Livingston county, New York, February, 1851, being a son of Nicholas and Margaret Maurer. In 1854 the family came west and settled in Raisinville township, this county, where the father bought a farm of one hundred acres with good building improvements, and that was the homestead for many years. There the father passed away in 1897, and the mother in 1871. There was a large family of children, eight in number, seven sons and one daughter, named as follows: John; Henry; George, deceased; Jacob; Leonard; Frank, deceased; John; and Barbara, who married and is now deceased.

John Maurer spent his early life on the farm, attending the village school at Raisinville and later the Monroe high school. When he was twelve years old he left school, and for six or seven years assisted his father on the farm. In his nineteenth year he married Miss Mary

Scheck, the daughter of William Scheck, and soon after their marriage he went into the building and contracting business, which he has followed with so much success ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Maurer live in a substantial residence at 11 Adams street, and their family of eight children are named as follows: Margaret, Lizzie, Joseph, William, John, Charles, Elstha, and Raymond. Besides his home, Mr. Maurer is the owner of considerable other city property. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the St. Michael's Catholic church, in which he served as a member of the board of trustees for a number of years.

JOHN SCHRAUDER. The well known and substantial citizen to whom this sketch is dedicated has long been prominently and actively identified with business interests in the city of Monroe, where he is now living virtually retired, after many years of close and successful identification with the meat market and packing industry, the enterprise being still continued by members of the Schrauder family, under the firm name of Schrauder & Company, and the meat packing business of the concern being the largest and most prosperous of the kind in southern Michigan. John Schrauder has been essentially one of the world's productive workers and his integrity and honor have been on a parity with his energy and industry, so that he is held in unqualified esteem in the county which has been his home from his boyhood days.

Mr. Schrauder was born in the grand duchy of Bavaria, Germany, on the 12th of May, 1841, and there secured his rudimentary education. He is a son of Erhardt and Mary Schrauder, and in 1853, when he was a lad of twelve years, he came with his father to America, the wife and mother having died in their home in Germany. The family landed in New York City and came thence directly to Monroe. Erhardt Schrauder had learned the butcher's trade in his native land and he soon opened a meat market in Monroe. From 1862 until 1865 John worked in Chicago packing houses and upon his return he became a member of the firm of Heck & Schrauder, under which title the enterprise was continued for a number of years. The Schrauder Brothers then purchased the interest of Mr. Heck, and after the death of the father, the interested principals in the firm of Schrauder Brothers were John, Conrad and George Schrauder. After several years of successful business the firm name was changed in 1891 to John Schrauder & Sons, and this title was retained until 1903. In that year the firm of John Schrauder & Sons (the sons being George J. and Frank S.) and that of Erhardt and Edwin M. Schrauder were incorporated, and included Conrad, Michael and Joseph C., under the firm name of Schrauder & Company, doing a general meat and packing business. It is a known fact that John Schrauder was a dominating force in the upbuilding of the extensive business now controlled by this representative firm, and in the concern at the present time the interested principals are eight members of the Schrauder family, the subject of this review still retaining an interest in the business. The firm has three retail markets in Monroe, and the facilities and service of the same are, as may well be inferred, maintained at the highest standard. Besides



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these city markets the firm has a large and essentially modern refrigerating and packing plant, situated about half a mile west of Monroe, and in the same a general meat packing industry is carried on, with a specialty made of curing and packing meats and fine sausage. The products of the establishment are known for their superiority and the trade of the same is widely disseminated. The industry has proved a most important and valuable contribution to the commercial activities of Monroe, and the firm buys large numbers of cattle and hogs, not only in Monroe county and other sections of Michigan, but also in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, from which states they ship in carload lots. The packing department of the enterprise is under the management of Conrad Schrauder, with George J. Schrauder as superintendent. The firm is one that has long enjoyed the highest reputation in trade circles and the interested principals are all men of energy, progressiveness, and distinctive business ability. John Schrauder is the eldest of seven brothers, those besides himself connected with the present firm being namely, Conrad, Michael, and Erhardt; the other members are George J., Frank S. and Joseph C., the sons of John, and Edwin M., the son of Conrad. John Schrauder was president for five years, and has gradually retired from active business.

In addition to the enterprise which perpetuates his name, Mr. Schrauder is also a substantial stockholder in the B. Dansard & Sons State Bank, one of the oldest and most substantial financial institutions of Monroe.

The family home is a spacious and goodly residence at the corner of Front and Smith streets, and there a generous hospitality is extended to a wide circle of friends. While never desirous of entering the turbulence of practical politics, Mr. Schrauder gives a stanch allegiance to the Democratic party and as a citizen he has been progressive and public spirited, appreciative of the advantages which have enabled him to gain substantial success and prosperity in the county that has long been his home. He and his family are zealous communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are identified with the parish of St. Michael's church.

On the 14th of November, 1867, Mr. Schrauder was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Kirschner, who was born and reared in Monroe, where her father, the late Andrew Kirschner, was an early settler and a highly esteemed citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Schrauder had three sons, all of whom are included in the firm of Schrauder & Company, and a daughter who died in infancy. The wife and mother died on December 19, 1895.

HENRY D. HOFFMAN. A native son of Monroe who has here attained marked success and prestige as one of the representative business men of the beautiful "Floral City" of Michigan, is Henry D. Hoffman, who is a member of one of the sterling German pioneer families of Monroe county and who has been engaged in the millinery and ladies' furnishing business in Monroe for more than a quarter of a century. He has an establishment which is metropolitan in stock and appointment and which caters to a large and representative trade,—the same indicating

alike the high quality of service accorded and also the personal popularity of the enterprising proprietor. Mr. Hoffman has been most progressive in his business activities and his success has been the direct result of his own efforts and ability, the while his course has been ordered upon a high plane of integrity and honor, so that he has secured place in the confidence and esteem of the community which has represented his home from the time of his birth to the present. On other pages of this publication is entered a memoir to his honored father, the late Leopold Hoffman, and thus further review of the family history is not required in the present article.

Henry Daniel Hoffman was born in the city of Monroe, Michigan, on the 20th day of May, 1867, and he gained his early educational training in the parochial schools of his native city. Later he continued his studies in an academic institution, viz., St. Mary's College, in the city of Dayton, Ohio, and he finally entered Assumption College, at Sandwich, in the province of Ontario, Canada, where he was a student for one year. After leaving college he held for a time the position of clerk in a mercantile establishment in Monroe, but his ambition and self-reliance soon prompted him to initiate an independent business career. In 1886, when but nineteen years of age, he founded his present flourishing business enterprise. He began operations on a modest scale, but by energy, progressive policies and careful attention to the demands of an appreciative patronage he has built up a substantial business, while he has made his establishment one of the most attractive and metropolitan of the mercantile concerns of his native city. His store, favorably situated on Front street, is twenty by one hundred feet in dimensions, is modern in all its appointments and accessories, and in the same are carried complete and select lines of the most approved products in fashionable millinery, fancy dry goods and ladies' furnishing goods. In addition to controlling this prosperous business, Mr. Hoffman is vice president of the United States Silver Mines Company, Ltd., of Elk Lake, Ontario, incorporated under the laws of the province of Ontario, Canada, and this property, now under effective development, is proving rich in its silver and cobalt output. Mr. Hoffman is also a stockholder in the First National Bank of Monroe; a director of the Elkhart Manufacturing Company, makers of high and low tension magnetos, and has other interests which extend beyond the confines of his regular business.

The social and fraternal relations of Mr. Hoffman include membership in the St. Helen's Shooting Club, of St. Helen, Michigan; the O. L. Club and the Yacht Club, both of Monroe, and the Cleveland Athletic Club, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Hoffman is known as a loyal and progressive citizen and as one ever ready to lend his cooperation in the furtherance of enterprises advanced for the general good of his native city or county. Though he has had no predilection for political office, he accords a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party, and he and his family are earnest communicants of the Catholic church, in which they are valued members of the important and historic old parish of St. Mary's church.

On August 16, 1886, Mr. Hoffman married Miss Mary L. Knauf, of

Monroe, born there on August 2, 1861. Three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, as follows: Eva Mary, born September 8, 1889; Loretta Isabella, born June 15, 1891; and Abigail Adeline, born November 26, 1893. The eldest is a graduate of St. Mary's College, in 1910; the second born, Loretta, was graduated from the College of St. Theresa, at Winona, Minnesota, in 1912, and the third daughter will graduate from St. Mary's College in 1913. The family is one which merits and enjoys the highest esteem in Monroe, and their beautiful home on North Macomb street has long been the center of generous hospitality.

JOHN G. ZABEL. A citizen of prominence and influence at Monroe, Michigan, is John Golden Zabel, who has here held the position of circuit court reporter since January, 1907. He manifests a deep and sincere interest in community affairs and is ever on the alert to do all in his power to forward such measures and enterprises as are projected for the good of the general welfare.

A native of Monroe county, Michigan, John Golden Zabel was born in the village of Petersburg, January 8, 1882, and he is a son of John O. Zabel, who was born in New York, whence he came to Monroe county as a youth with his parents, whose names were John and Sophia Zabel. He had received his preliminary educational training in, and was graduated from, the Petersburg high school. He then began the study of law and was matriculated as a student in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in the law department of which excellent institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1879, duly receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He initiated the active practice of his profession at Petersburg, and for a time was associated in a business way with Judge Golden; later, in 1894, he removed to Toledo, Ohio, where he now controls a large and lucrative practice.

The first in order of birth in a family of two children, John Golden Zabel received his rudimentary educational discipline in the public schools of Petersburg, in the high school of which place he was graduated in 1899. He then taught for three years in the rural schools of this county, following which he pursued a commercial course in Cleary Business College, at Ypsilanti, from which institution he graduated in 1903, after which he turned his attention to teaching school, being employed during the ensuing three and one-half years as principal of the commercial department in the Mt. Clemens high school. In January, 1907, he resigned his position at Mt. Clemens and was immediately appointed, by Governor Warner, as circuit court reporter of the Thirty-eighth judicial circuit of Michigan, a position he has since continued to hold.

In his political convictions Mr. Zabel is an uncompromising Republican and for the past two years he has served as chairman of the Republican City committee. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member and officer of Monroe Lodge, No. 27, Free and Accepted Masons; and of River Raisin Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons. In their religious faith he and his wife are devout members of the Meth-

odist Episcopal church, in the different departments of whose work they are most zealous factors.

On the 26th of June, 1907, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Zabel to Miss Nellie Cady, of Mt. Clemens, a daughter of Louis T. Cady, an old and highly respected citizen of Mt. Clemens. Mr. and Mrs. Zabel have one child—Mary Elizabeth, whose birth occurred on the 12th of September, 1908. The Zabel home is at No. 262 North Macomb street and the same is often the scene of attractive social gatherings.

PHILANDER SHELDON ROOT, M. D. The subject of this sketch, the youngest of the six children of Erastus Clark and Jane French Root, was born in Vernon, New York, April 26, 1856, on the farm of his father, where he led the life of a farmer's boy in his early youth; but the yearnings for an education and the broader life which that brings, took him away from the parental acres and led him through the country schools, into the Vernon Academy, from which he graduated in 1872, at the age of sixteen. Teaching seemed to be the logical pursuit of a scholar, and as a pedagogue he began the battle of life and followed that occupation for the matter of six years, principally in places not far distant from his boyhood home.

Finally he went to Springfield, Ohio, where he still followed the occupation of "teaching the young idea" for some time, and where the desire for some more congenial profession manifested itself, and, having determined upon a change, he was soon on the road to joining the medical profession, possibly at the suggestion of an old home friend and practitioner. He returned to Vernon and entered the office, as a student, of Dr. A. F. Gary, and while pursuing his studies there continued teaching until 1879. Wishing for a medical college course, Detroit College of Medicine was recommended by Dr. Gary, of which he himself was a graduate. Entering this institution in 1879, he graduated in 1881 with the reputation of being one of the most conscientious and hard working students of his class. After his graduation, and while casting about for a location in which to exhibit a very new and highly gilded "shingle," the newly made disciple of Esculapius accidentally met a physician from Monroe, Dr. William C. West, who later became Dr. Root's father-in-law. Dr. West was at this time about removing from Monroe to a city farther west, and offered Dr. Root the opportunity to purchase his office and practice in the charming little city which was to become his home; this location was soon settled upon, and in September, 1881, the young doctor was firmly established in the practice of his predecessor, and fell into the ways and lives of the good people of the Floral City as naturally as "to the manner born." As a general practitioner he has met with great success, while as a specialist in those ailments of the lungs and air passages which are largely prevalent in this county, he has made a noteworthy record and has a record in the profession which stands among the highest.

Believing that continued study is essential to progress in his profession, and aiming to keep always in the front rank, Dr. Root is an earnest and practical student. Early in his professional career he established the habit of keeping systematic data and notes of interest-

ing and intricate cases. The results of his observations have in many instances been published as monographs in various medical publications, among others, the *Medical Age*, *Medical Record*, *Therapeutic Gazette*, *American Lancet*, etc., whose editors welcome with enthusiasm the doctor's contributions.

Dr. Root is president of the Monroe County Medical Society, director in B. Dansard & Sons State Bank, and president of the Bank of Newport. For some years Dr. Root was a member of the board of education and in his official capacity always manifested the most active interest in all that pertained to the improvement of the public schools.

Two children were born to Dr. Root and his wife, Anna West Root: Erastus Clark Root, who died while a student at Orchard Lake Military Academy, and Mary B., who married Irving A. Newcomer of Monroe, and resides on Elm avenue, Monroe.

HONORABLE JOHN STRONG, of South Rockwood, the subject of this sketch, was born in Greenfield township, Wayne county, Michigan, April 7, 1830. His father came from England to Canada, thence removing to Michigan and settling upon a tract of five hundred acres in 1827, near Detroit, which was the homestead for many years. Mr. Strong removed to South Rockwood in 1863, and might truthfully be said to have been the founder of the town, inasmuch as it has been through his untiring industry, devotion to the interests of the community and large investments there that the town has become one of the largest and most flourishing in the county. Mr. Strong's early education was obtained in the common schools of his native county, and when still a very young man he entered upon the pursuit of farming in the township in which he was born. He removed not long thereafter to South Rockwood and began an active career as a merchant and manufacturer, which eventually comprised, also, farming, stock-raising, milling and other allied industries. In stock he specialized in short-horned cattle, very much to the improvement of the breeds already on the farms in his township. Mr. Strong's business in the manufacture of staves and heading, and in the manufacture of flour reached large proportions, and in 1868 he built a schooner at the mouth of Huron river for transportation of his products to Detroit and other nearby ports.

In politics Mr. Strong was a pronounced Democrat of the Jefferson and Jackson type, and has served his county and the state in offices of trust and honor. He was elected to the house of representatives in 1861, from Wayne county, and again in 1869 after he had taken residence in the county of Monroe. In 1880, Mr. Strong was elected to the state senate and reelected to this office in 1882, where he served with ability and the approval of his constituents.

In 1891 Mr. Strong was nominated by his party for lieutenant governor, and was elected.

"When the legislature met," said Mr. Strong in an interview with a newspaper correspondent, not long ago, "there were strenuous times in the senate. As I recall it, there were sixteen Democratic and fifteen Republican members, with one seat contested. During the intense feeling prevailing, a Republican convention was held in Jackson, and all of

the Republican senators took it into their heads that they would attend, and did so without the formality of asking the customary leave. This enabled the Democratic minority to improve the opportunity of 'doing things' that were most congenial to them, without any hindrance, being unanimously Democratic. One of the natural things that was done was to settle the contested seat by giving it to the Democrat, and afterwards unseating one of the absent Republicans and to put in another Democrat. This change, of course, reversed the vote in the senate, the Democrats having eighteen and the Republicans fourteen. The frame of mind of the Republicans upon their return, and the discovery of what had been done was one that can easily be imagined. They were furious; and endeavored to undo what the Democrats had done, but the case was hopeless, which their opponents realized, and which would have been their own tactics had the case been reversed."

Mr. Strong derives more satisfaction and declares he has done more good in one of the humbler township offices which he fills, than in any other, that of school director, which he has held for fifty years or more, consecutively. He takes justified pride in the public schools in his town which he claims are second to none in the county. He has been liberal in his dealings and in his treatment of the community's interests; he has built a substantial and tasteful church (Evangelical), which is used by all Protestant denominations. He also has been generous to all movements, looking to the betterment of his little community.

The children who were born to John Strong and his wife, Emily Buhl, were Alice (Mrs. J. W. Haven), George, Henry, and Ida, wife of Frank L. Edwards of South Rockwood; Frank, and Cora who is the wife of Hon. H. C. Bulkley, of Detroit; all of these are living except Anna, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Strong died April 3, 1912, at the age of seventy-nine years, beloved by the entire community for her excellent qualities of mind and heart.

JOHN MCCLELLAND BULKLEY was born in Monroe, June 25, 1840. His father, Gershom Taintor Bulkley, was one of the pioneer New England settlers in this city in 1833.* His mother was Julia A. Kellogg Bulkley, a member of one of the oldest families of Massachusetts. He was the youngest of a family of ten children; of his five brothers and four sisters, none are now living. His father and mother died at their home in Monroe at an advanced age, respectively, eighty-four and ninety-three years.

Mr. Bulkley received his early education in the public and private schools of Monroe. In 1852, the Monroe Young Men's and Boys' Academy was established by the prominent men of the city as a preparatory school for collegiate education. In this school Mr. Bulkley had for classmates Maj.-Gen. George A. Custer, Judge Conway W. Noble, Dr. Henry B. Landon, Hon. Harry A. Conant and other Monroe men who in later years became distinguished in their professions or in public life.

At an early age he entered into the employment of James Armitage, with whom he remained for about ten years. In 1865 he married Mary Disbrow Cole, the youngest daughter of Hon. Thomas G. Cole and

* See biographical sketch on page 522.

a granddaughter of Henry Disbrow, the civil engineer who laid out and platted the village of Monroe, upon its organization in 1817. Mr. Bulkley afterwards became connected with the wholesale firm of Root & Barbour of Detroit; and later engaged with his brother Charles in the retail dry-goods business in Monroe. After his brother's retirement from the firm in 1874, Mr. Bulkley continued in the dry-goods business until the early '80s, at which time he sold his stock to parties in Manistee, Michigan, when he retired from active connection with the business. He afterwards became connected with the Fairbanks company, scale and valve manufacturers of New York, which connection continued for a long period of years, during which he represented that company in their western business.

Mr. Bulkley has for many years devoted a large part of his time to literary pursuits and has been an almost constant contributor to quarterlies, the magazines and press. His literary work has been largely devoted to travel and to the history of Michigan and to the particular locality in which he lives. This recently led to his selection by the Lewis Publishing Company, as editor of this history of Monroe county.

Mr. Bulkley is the father of three children: Mary L., who on December 3, 1902, married Arthur Charles Tagge, a mechanical-electrical engineer, of Chicago, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and now general superintendent of the Canada Cement Company, Limited, with headquarters at Montreal, where they now reside; Grace Chetwood, who died September 16, 1886, at Monroe, at the age of eleven years; and Harry Conant Bulkley, born March 7, 1870, a member of the law firm of Campbell, Bulkley & Ledyard, of Detroit, who married on August 23, 1899, Cora Strong Flint. Their children are John McClelland, 2nd, Mary Disbrow, and Helen Chauncey. They reside at 165 Seminole avenue, Detroit.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the National Geographic Society, State Pioneer and Historical Society, Monroe Yacht Club and the First Presbyterian church of Monroe.

